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# A LIST OF THE CLERGY

*Belonging to the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of  
South-Carolina.*

The Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D., *Bishop.*

## PRIESTS.

- The Rev. Jasper Adams, D. D. *Principal of Charleston College, and Minister of St. Andrew's Parish.*  
The Rev. William H. Barnwell, *Rector of St. Peter's Church, Charleston.*  
The Rev. David I. Campbell, *Minister of St. Stephen's Parish, and of the Chapels at the Black Oak, and the Rocks.*  
The Rev. John W. Chanler.  
The Rev. Daniel Cobia, *Assistant Minister of St. Philip's Parish.*  
The Rev. Augustus L. Converse, *Rector of the Church at Claremont.*  
The Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D. *Assistant Minister of St. Michael's Parish.*  
The Rev. Francis P. Delavaux, *Rector of St. Bartholomew's Parish.*  
The Rev. Rodolphus Dickinson.  
The Rev. Charles P. Elliott, *Rector of St. Mark's, Clarendon.*  
The Rev. Patrick H. Folker, *residing in Charleston.*  
The Rev. Andrew Fowler, *Minister of Christ Church Parish.*  
The Rev. Hugh Fraser, *residing in All-Saints' Parish, Waccamaw.*  
The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D. *Rector of St. Philip's Parish, Charleston.*  
The Rev. Allston Gibbes, *Temporary Assistant Minister of St. Philip's Parish.*  
The Rev. Paul T. Gervais, *residing in St. John's Parish, Colleton.*  
The Rev. Philip Gadsden, *Rector of St. Paul's Parish, Stono.*  
The Rev. Alexander Glennie, *Rector of All-Saint's Parish, Waccamaw.*  
The Rev. Christian Hauckel, *Rector of St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough.*  
The Rev. P. Trapier Keith, *Rector of Prince George's Parish, Winyaw.*  
The Rev. Maurice H. Lance, *residing in Charleston.*  
The Rev. Charles E. Leverett, *Rector of Trinity Church, Edisto, and of St. Stephen's Chapel, Edingsville.*  
The Rev. Alexander W. Marshall, *Rector of St. David's Parish, Cheraw.*  
The Rev. David McElheran, *Rector of St. Helena Church, on St. Helena Island.*  
The Rev. James A. McKenney, *Rector of St. John's, Colleton.*  
The Rev. Edward Phillips, *Rector of Grace Church, Camden.*  
The Rev. Milward Pogson, *residing in Charleston.*  
The Rev. William T. Potter, *Rector of St. Paul's Church, Penleton.*  
The Rev. Francis H. Rutledge, *Rector of the Parish of St. Thomas and St. Denis, and of Grace Church, Sullivan's Island.*  
The Rev. Peter J. Shand, *Rector of Trinity Church, Columbia.*  
The Rev. Napoleon B. Screven, *Officiating at the Wateree.*  
The Rev. Edward Thomas, *Rector of St. John's, Berkeley.*

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The Rev. Paul Trapier, *Rector of St. James', James' Island, and Minister of St. Stephen's Chapel.*

The Rev. Joseph R. Walker, *Rector of St. Helena Parish, Beaufort.*

The Rev. Thomas J. Young, *Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Grahamville, St. Luke's Parish.*

#### DEACONS.

The Rev. Thomas A. Cook.

The Rev. Wm. Elliott, *Assistant Minister of St. Paul's, Radcliffeborough.*

The Rev. Stephen Elliott, sen. *Minister of Prince William's Parish.*

The Rev. Stephen Elliott, jun. *Professor of the Evidences of Christianity and Sacred Literature in the S. C. College, Columbia.*

The Rev. James H. Fowles, *Minister of Christ Church, Wilton.*

The Rev. John S. Field, *Greenville.*

The Rev. Richard Johnson, *Minister of St. Matthew's Parish.*

The Rev. Charles C. Pinckney, jun. *Minister of St. James' Parish, Santee.*

The Rev. William W. Spear, *Assistant Minister of St. Michael's Parish, Charleston.*

The Rev. Cranmore Wallace, *Assistant Minister of St. James' Church, James' Island, and Teacher in the South-Carolina Academy.*

The Rev. B. C. Webb, *Minister of St. Luke's Parish.*

# A LIST

OF THE

## CLERGY AND LAY-DELEGATES

WHO

ATTENDED THE CONVENTION OF 1836.

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### CLERGY.

- The Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of St. Michael's Parish.
- The Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D. Assistant Minister of St. Michael's Parish.
- The Rev. William W. Spear, Assistant Minister of St. Michael's Parish.
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- The Rev. Charles C. Pinckney, jun. Minister of St. James' Santee.
- The Rev. Alexander Glennie, Rector of All-Saints' Parish, Waccamaw.
- The Rev. Paul Trapier, Minister of St. Stephen's Chapel, and Rector of St. James' Church, James' Island.
- The Rev. Alexander W. Marshall, Rector of St. David's Parish, Cheraw, and Trinity Church, Society Hill.
- The Rev. William T. Potter, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Pendleton.
- The Rev. Edward Phillips, Rector of Grace Church, Camden.
- The Rev. William H. Barnwell, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Charleston.
- The Rev. Jasper Adams, D. D. Minister of St. Andrew's Parish.



The Rev. Thomas J. Young, Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity,  
Grahamville, St. Luke's Parish.  
The Rev. Edward Thomas, Rector of St. John's Parish, Berkeley.  
The Rev. Richard Johnson, Minister of St. Matthew's Parish.  
The Rev. Stephen Elliott, sen. Rector of Prince William's Parish.  
The Rev. James A. M'Kenney, Rector of St. John's, Colleton.  
The Rev. James H. Fowles, Minister of Christ Church, Wilton.

#### LAY-DELEGATES.

*St. Michael's Parish*—David Alexander, I. M. Campbell, M. D. James  
H. Ladson, Horatio S. Waring, M. D. James Jervey.  
*St. Philip's Parish*—Wm. Mason Smith, Edward M'Crary, Joseph  
Manigault.  
*St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough*—Samuel Wragg, G. W. Eggleston.  
*St. Helena's Parish, Beaufort*—Henry M'Kee, Middleton Stuart, Dr.  
Thomas Fuller.  
*St. John's Parish, Berkeley*—Frederick Ford.  
*St. John's, Colleton*—Rev. Paul T. Gervais, residing in St. John's.  
*Prince George's Parish, Winyaw*—Col. E. H. Edwards.  
*Prince William's Parish*—Col. James Cuthbert, Dr. Edward Brailsford.  
*St. James' Church, James' Island*—John Rivers.  
*St. Paul's Parish, Stono*—James W. Sommers.  
*All-Saints' Parish, Waccamaw*—T. P. Alston.  
*St. Peter's Church, Charleston*—R. B. Smith, C. J. Colcock, Charles  
Desaussure.  
*Trinity Church, Edisto, and St. Stephen's Chapel, Edingsville*—Col.  
Whaley.  
*St. James' Church, Goose Creek*—Thomas Gadsden.  
*Trinity Church, Society Hill*—Major John De Witt.  
*Trinity Church, Edgefield*—Edward B. Bacon.  
*Christ Church, Wilton*—John H. Wilson.  
*St. Paul's Church, Pendleton*—Charles C. Pinckney, sen.

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The Rev. F. P. Delavaux, the Rev. Cranmore Wallace, the Rev.  
Augustus L. Converse, the Rev. Daniel Cobia, the Rev. David M'El-  
heran, and the Rev. Charles P. Elliott, entitled to seats in the Con-  
vention, did not attend.

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The following Clergymen, not entitled to seats, were admitted to the  
sittings of the Convention :

The Rev. Benjamin Dorr, of New-York ; the Rev. Mr. Wheeler, of  
New-York ; the Rev. Fitch W. Taylor, of Maryland ; and the Rev. P.  
H. Folker, of Charleston.

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The Church in this Diocese, consists of the Bishops, 35 Priests, 11  
Deacons, and 52 organized Congregations.

# JOURNAL

## OF THE PROCEEDINGS, &c.

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*Charleston, Wednesday Morning, February 10, 1836.*

THIS being the day appointed for a stated meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of South-Carolina, the Right Rev. Dr. Bowen, with several of the Clergy and Lay-Delegates, attended at St. Michael's Church at half-past 10 o'clock, when Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Philip Gadsden, Rector of St. Paul's Parish, Stono, and a Sermon delivered by the Rev. Benjamin Dorr, of New-York, the General Agent of the Domestic Committee of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, Rector of St. Philip's Church, Rev. C. Hanckel, Rector of St. Paul's, Radcliffeborough, and Rev. Philip Gadsden.

The Right Rev. Dr. Bowen took the Chair. Rev. Dr. Delcho, Secretary and Treasurer.

The following Clergy attended ; and the following Lay-Delegates, having presented satisfactory testimonials of their respective appointments, took their seats accordingly, viz :

*St. Michael's Parish*—The Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. Rector ; the Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D. and the Rev. Wm. W. Spear, Assistant Ministers ; David Alexander, I. M. Campbell, M. D. James Jervey, and James H. Ladson.

*St. Philip's Parish*—Rev. Dr. Gadsden, Rector ; Rev. Allston Gibbes, Temporary Assistant Minister ; William Mason Smith, and Edward M'Crary.

*St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough*.—Rev. C. Hanckel, Rector ; Rev. William Elliott, Assistant Minister.

*St. Helena's Parish, Beaufort*—Rev. Joseph R. Walker, Rector ; Henry M'Kee, Middleton Stuart, Dr. Thomas Fuller.

*St. John's Parish, Berkeley*—Rev. Edward Thomas, Rector ; Frederick Ford.

*St. John's, Colleton*—Rev. James A. M'Kenney ; Rev. Paul T. Gervais, Delegate.

*Christ Church Parish* Rev. Andrew Fowler, Minister.

*St. Paul's Parish, Stono*—Rev. Philip Gadsden, Rector.

*Trinity Church, Columbia*—Rev. Peter J. Shand, Rector.

*St. Stephen's Parish, Black Oak and the Rocks*—Rev. David I. Campbell, Minister.

*St. Thomas and St. Denis*—Rev. Francis H. Rutledge, Rector.

*St. James' Parish, Santee*—Rev. Charles C. Pinckney, jun. Minister.  
*Prince George's, Winyaw*—Rev. Paul T. Keith, Rector ; Col. E. H. Edwards.

*All-Saints' Parish, Waccamaw*—Rev. Alexander Glennie, Rector.  
*Grace Church, Sullivan's Island*—Rev. Francis H. Rutledge, Rector.  
*St. Luke's Parish*—Rev. B. C. Webb, Minister.

*St. David's, Cheraw*—Rev. Alexander Marshall, Rector.  
*St. Paul's Church, Pendleton*—Rev. William T. Potter, Rector.

*Prince William's Parish*—Rev. Stephen Elliott, sen., Dr. Edward Brailsford, Col. James Cuthbert.

*Grace Church, Camden*—Rev. Edward Phillips, Rector.  
*St. James' Church, James' Island*—Rev. Paul Trapier, Rector.

*St. Peter's Church, Charleston*—Rev. William H. Barnwell, Rector ;  
 C. J. Colcock, R. B. Smith and Charles Desaussure.

*Trinity Church, Edisto, and St. Stephen's, Edingsville*—Rev. Charles E. Leveret, Rector ; Col. Whaley.

*Church of the Holy Trinity, Grahamville*—Rev. Thomas J. Young, Rector.

*St. James', Goose Creek*—Thomas Gadsden.

*Trinity Church, Society Hill*—Major John De Witt.

*St. Stephen's Chapel*—Rev. Paul Trapier, Minister.

A quorum of the Churches being present, the Convention proceeded to business. The Rev. Dr. Dalcho tendered his resignation of the office of Secretary and Treasurer ; which was reluctantly accepted. The Convention proceeded to the election of a successor, *viva voce* ; and the Rev. W. W. Spear was appointed.

On motion by the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, the thanks of the Convention were unanimously voted to Dr. Dalcho, for his faithful and valuable services, continued through a period of sixteen years.

The Rules of Order were then read, in conformity with the 12th Rule.

The Bishop communicated to the Convention a letter from the Vestry and Wardens of Christ Church, Wilton ; requesting to be received into union with this Convention, and declaring their unwillingness to conform to the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, and also of the Convention in this Diocese. This being in conformity with the 11th Article of the Constitution, Christ Church, Wilton, was received into the Convention, and Rev. Jvmes H. Fowles, Minister, and John H. Wilson, appeared and took their seats.

On motion, the President was requested to appoint the Standing Committee of the Diocese for the ensuing year, whereupon the following appointment was made, (Convention concurring :)

The Rev. C. E. Gadsden, D. D.	David Alexander,
Paul T. Gervais,	Thomas Lowndes,
Frederick Delcho, M. D.	James Jervey,
C Hanckel,	Samuel Wragg,
W. H. Barnwell,	Joshua W. Toomer.

On motion, it was resolved, that the Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church, who may be in the city, but not entitled to seats ; and the



Candidate for Orders in this Diocese, be admitted to the sittings of the Convention.

On motion, the President was requested to appoint a Preacher at the opening of the next Convention; whereupon, the Rev. Mr. Philips, Rector of Grace Church, Camden, was re-appointed; and in case of his failure, the Rev. Paul T. Keith, Rector of Prince George's, Winyaw.

On motion, the Rev. Mr. Dorr, of New-York, General Agent of the Domestic Committee of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, was welcomed to the city, and invited to attend the sittings of the Convention.

On motion, the President was requested to appoint Delegates to represent this Diocese in General Convention; when the following were appointed, (the Convention concurring):

The Rev. C. E. Gadsden, D. D.	William Heyward,
Christian Hanckel,	Thomas Lowndes,
Augustus L. Converse,	Philip Tidyman, M. D.
Joseph R. Walker,	Henry Deas.

On motion, the following Committee on the General Theological Seminary was appointed: the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, Rev. P. Trapier, Wm. Mason Smith, David Alexander, and James H. Ladson.

The President of the Standing Committee presented for the information of the Convention, the following statement of their official acts since the last Convention:

"They have recommended to the Bishop to be received as Candidates for Orders, Francis B. Lee, Robert T. Howard, James S. Hanckel and John B. Campbell—for admission to Deacon's Orders, Benjamin C. Webb, Stephen Elliott, jun. and Cranmore Wallace—and the following Deacons to be admitted to the Holy Order of Priests: the Rev. Napoleon B. Screven, the Rev. Daniel Cobia, and the Rev. William Johnson.

"In behalf of the Standing Committee,

"C. E. GADSDEN, President."

Conformably with the 1st Section of the 7th Canon of 1835 of the General Convention, for "securing an accurate view of the state of the Church," the Bishop delivered the following Address:

Brethren of the Clergy and of the Laity,

The canonical requisition which obliges me to report to you my proceedings, and the business and condition of the Diocese generally, finds me, on this occasion, better prepared than when we last assembled, to render this account with gratified and happy feelings. There at least, is less in the aspect of things to affect us with discouragement, than there, sometimes, has been; and I am, perhaps, even warranted in considering the condition of our Church, in the portion of it committed to me in the Diocesan capacity, as having gained some new advance in the amelioration, which has for many years been gradually progressive. There is now not a Parish in it capable of maintaining a Minister, even

with such assistance as the Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity can afford, which is vacant; one or two new stations of our Ministry, have been added; the state of things in some of the old ones has manifested decided improvement; and I know of no instance, in which the work, my Brethren have in hand, is neglected or dishonoured. There has, indeed, been sorrow dispensed to us, in the interruption of the health of some valued labourers in the field of pastoral service; but this has been comforted by the perfect restoration of one,\* and the encouragement given us to hope, that the other,† of those whose case has afflicted us, will be permitted to resume, in some useful manner, his now suspended work.

It is grateful also, to advert to the progress made in restoring from the ruins over which, in the past year, we were called to weep, the two places of our worship, which were destroyed by fire; and to the happy manner in which the Congregations, pertaining to them, have been accommodated in buildings temporarily provided for their need. To the generous kindness of Mr. Seyle, in giving to the Domestic Missionary Society the free use of his commodious room, we owe grateful acknowledgment. The corner stone of St. Stephen's Chapel, having been laid in a site procured for the re-erection of it, supposed to be more convenient than the former one, which had been given by a venerable female member of our Church, and the foundation already laid, we may promise ourselves to be able to exonerate this kindness of the individual mentioned, before the expiration of more than another half year. The corner stone of the venerable St. Philip's has been also laid, in nearly the same place, (with the exception of 22 feet of the front of its original site, on which it stood, left unoccupied by the new foundation) and the work of rebuilding is in happy progress. Let not our sensibility be withheld from the anxious enterprise of our Brethren. To our continued persevering concern and help, they are indisputably entitled, and above all, to our prayer, that under the affliction to which they have been subjected, they may remain "perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment"—waiting with firm and patient confidence in him who has permitted them to be afflicted, for the consolation and joy, with which it may be his good pleasure, to recompense their sorrow.

We are to rejoice with another portion of our Brethren, in the happy accomplishment of the work they had undertaken. The consecration of St. Peter's Church, recently opened for its destined uses, under circumstances involving no embarrassment of debt, or other inconvenience, is a fit subject of our gladness of heart towards God, and of cordial sympathy in the happiness of the portion of our Communion whom it chiefly interests.

We have within a few months, had great satisfaction in the setting apart another place for our worship, in Christ Church Parish. The building erected for this purpose, at Mount Pleasant, is a result, not to be contemplated without interest, of the zeal and industry of the aged Minister, now having the charge of Christ Church Parish; and the liberality of the few, to whom it fell to carry into effect, this pious work.

\* Dr. Gadsden.

† Mr. Cobia

A new Church erected at Wilton, within the year, will soon, it is expected, be ready for consecration.

There is satisfaction, also, in the addition of several to the number of our Clergy; all of whom are usefully engaged in the work of their calling. The Rev. Mr. McKenny, last year reported to you, as officiating in St. John's, Colleton, having since been regularly dismissed, according to the Canon, from the Diocese of Maryland, and received into this, has been recognized as the Rector of that Parish, to which he had before been elected. The Rev. W. W. Spear, Deacon, has been, in the same regular manner received on letters of dismission from the ecclesiastical authority of North-Carolina into this Diocese, and is serving St. Michael's Church, as an Assistant Minister; together with the now aged person, who, for many years, has acted in that capacity; but is by this arrangement, relieved of most of the burthen which he had so long borne with cheerfulness and fidelity. Three other Clergymen have been added to our number, by ordination: these are the Rev. Stephen Elliott, jun. the Rev. B. C. Webb, and the Rev. Cranmore Wallace. Mr. Elliott had engaged to serve the Church at Wilton, in St. Paul's Parish; but by the concurrence of my opinion with his own, that a more important field of service was opened to him by an appointment of the Trustees of the South-Carolina College, he has left that station, and entered on the duties of Professor of the Evidences of Christianity and Sacred Literature at the College. It is our joy, common with that of the whole Christian community, that such an appointment has been made and accepted. Mr. Webb is appointed in conformity with the provisions of the 17th Canon, to officiate as Minister of St. Luke's Parish, and Mr. Wallace, is for the present, assisting the Rev. Mr. Trapier, in the combined charge of the Domestic Mission, and St. James', James Island; at the same time that he is engaged in the business of Tuition in this city. Besides the three persons mentioned as Deacons ordained from among the Candidates for Orders in this Diocese, the Rev. Mr. Screven, the Rev. Mr. Cobia, and the Rev. Mr. W. Johnson, have been admitted to Priests' Orders. Mr. Johnson has received, on his application for it, the certificate required by the 4th Canon of 1835, and removed into the Diocese of Alabama. The Rev. M. A. Perry, also has removed from the Diocese; having returned to that of New-York, and resumed his Ministry there. Four persons have been received as Candidates for Orders since the last Convention: viz. Mr. J. Stuart Hanckel, Mr. Robert T. Howard, Mr. Francis Lee, and Mr. John B. Campbell, jun. The number of Candidates are now registered in the Diocese, is six.

The Rev. Mr. C. P. Elliott has been elected to the charge of St. Mark's Parish, Clarendon; and the Rev. Mr. Thomas to that of St. John's, Berkeley. The Rev. Mr. Fowles, who had officiated under a temporary engagement in the last named of these Parishes, has been appointed to serve, in the place of Mr. Elliott, removed to Columbia, the newly organized Congregation at Wilton.

The Church at Greenville, has been advantageously served during the summer and autumn, by the Rev. C. C. Pinckney, under a joint appointment of the Vestry of that Church, and the Trustees of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity. It is expected that he will resume the duties of that station in the spring. The Rev. Mr. William Elliott, who was last year reported as appointed to St. Luke's



Parish, has since, by the concurrent consent of the Vestry of that Parish and the ecclesiastical authority, relinquished its service, and accepted an invitation to officiate as an Assistant Minister at St. Paul's Church, Radcliffborough.

The Rev. Mr. Trapier has resigned the charge of St. Andrew's Parish; and having understood the Vestry to desire my concurrence in their wish, that the Rev. Dr. Adams should be their Minister, such concurrence, was of course, without hesitation expressed. I am since without information of any proceedings had in that Parish.

I have visited since the last Convention, Trinity Church, Edisto; the Church at Grahamville; St. Helena's Church, Beaufort; St. Helena's Church, St. Helena's Island; St. Luke's Parish; St. Bartholomew's Parish; Shelton Church, Prince William's; Grace Church, Sullivan's Island; St. James', Goose Creek, and St. Thomas' Church, St. Thomas' Parish. Confirmation was administered at only the first four of these places. At St. Helena, on my visiting it, a small chapel provided for the accommodation of a summer congregation, residing at the Eastern extremity of the Island, was consecrated.

An appointment to visit the Church on Hilton Head, was frustrated, by the failure, through mistake, of some necessary arrangements.

It was gratifying to learn on my visit to St. James', Goose Creek, that the so much admired Parish Church of that Parish, was soon to be put under thorough repair. It is a relic of the elder days of the Church in this portion of it, which should be preserved with sacred concern. The Parish is now vacant; nor is encouragement given to expect that the means can now be had of supporting any one as its Minister. There is reason, however, to hope, that in a few years more, a sufficient number of families of our Communion will re-occupy that once populous settlement of them, to admit of the restoration of the offices of the Church there, with promise of usefulness. The spirit is not wanting, I trust, among the few who are now charged with the business and interest of the Church, in that Parish, to do all that is necessary to its recovery from its fallen state. A Lay Reader has been licensed, with the approbation of the Vestry, to read at the Church, and give instruction to the coloured people, who numerous attend it, whenever it is opened for Divine Service.

Besides the Churches named above, Confirmation has been administered also for the City Churches, in St. Philip's Temporary Church. The whole number confirmed since the last Convention, is 186.

The Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina, has continued its useful operations in the employment of Ministers on Missionary Service, and in the distribution of Bibles, Prayer Books and Tracts. The Annual Report of its proceedings will soon be ready for distribution. Several Ministers, not otherwise engaged, or not serving particular Churches, have rendered service by my request, under a proceeding of the Society, placed at my disposal a small fund, in a manner as acceptable as disinterested. The Rev. Mr. Perry, the Rev. Mr. W. Johnson, the Rev. Mr. Cook, the Rev. Mr. Webb, and the Rev. Mr. C. P. Elliott, have variously been thus engaged in occasional Missionary Service. A new Congregation having been organized at Edgefield, by an influence happily exerted there, chiefly by the Rev. Mr. Hanckel, I have gladly appropriated to the expenses

incurred in visiting it by several of the Clergy, and particularly by Mr. Cook, who remained there some weeks, such means as the Board had subjected to my use.

The Periodical Publication for so many years conducted in this city, has been temporarily suspended by reason of the indisposition of the principal agent of its business. In aid of him, several others will, it is hoped, take up the work, and endeavour to continue it as a useful vehicle and register of Ecclesiastical intelligence, and, as circumstances may require, defender of the interest of Christian truth, as held in the Church of which we are part. With the first of March, the first number of the new series will appear; and my brethren of the Laity and Clergy are respectfully and earnestly requested not to withhold from it their patronage and support. Such a publication is essentially necessary to the Church in our portion of it.

It is proper that I should inform you of the degree in which the intention of the Convention, in passing certain resolutions on the subject of the religious instruction of our slave population, has been fulfilled. The Pastoral letter requested, was prepared as early as the numerous engagements of my time would permit; but when it had been addressed to the several Ministers and Parishes, and was about to be sent to them accordingly, the public mind was thrown into a state, which it was supposed would render it worse than useless to offer its contents to the attention of any, by the discovery of an utterly unwarranted and reckless interference with this description of our population, by the systematic measures of an ill-advised, absurd and malignant philanthropy of abolitionism. How far this conduct, which no consideration of sound religion, or reasonable practical humanity, could warrant, may extend, in interrupting the good contemplated and desired to be done by the religious instruction of the coloured population of our Parishes, it is not easy for us yet to perceive. That it has not a little interrupted it, is certain; nor can it easily be seen how the measures referred to, can be made possibly conducive to the moral benefit, or indeed any other benefit, of these people: unless savagism and outlawry be a preferable state of human existence to that of domestic servitude, under the benign influence of Christian principles and institutions. For any other result of the course by which the public mind has so unhappily been excited, the agitators themselves neither shew, nor could with any shadow of reason anticipate, any scheme of practical provision.

The Catechism for the use of Ministers and Catechists, in giving religious instruction to the slave population, is not yet ready for publication. The preparation of it has been committed to three Clergymen of the city, who have kindly undertaken the task—and have prosecuted it with care and diligence.

You are already, in general, aware, that since we were last assembled, a Triennial Convention of our whole Church, in the United States, has been held. It was not in my power to attend it. Three of the Clerical Delegates appointed, were present at it, and two Lay Delegates. One of these the Hon. Henry Deas, being at Philadelphia, kindly complied with my request, that he would serve in the place of one of those, who having been appointed at the Convention, could not attend. I cannot forbear to mention, however unacceptable it may be to them that I should, the example of zeal for the Church, which has so honorably been



manifested by the Clergy appointed to attend the General Convention from this Diocese. They have gone, and some of them on many successive occasions, at considerable personal inconvenience, and always at an expense not to be presumed light, when regarded with a reference either to the distance of the place of meeting, or the ordinary amount of the means of defraying expense, of which the Clergy have the command.

Measures of unusual interest were adopted at this Convention. The most prominent and important of these, is that which has made the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church to be identified with the General Convention, and subjected in its operations to a Board of Missions, chosen by that body. That the Missions instituted in the name of the Church, should, with all the business pertaining to them, be subject to the *control* of the Church, in a manner the most direct that circumstances would permit, is obviously of high importance to its own character and interest. That this is better provided for under the new organization of the Missionary interest of our Church, than according to the old, may perhaps safely be presumed. The General Convention represents the whole Church, and may be expected more effectually to embody its views, and enlist its sensibilities, than a Society which, although constituted by the General Convention, could be rendered only imperfectly responsible to it, or subject to its control and regulation. Much as the Church had been indebted to the Society, as it was, for the fidelity, zeal and efficiency with which it had conducted the business committed to it, yet may we more reasonably look for an extension of Missionary enterprise under the change of its Constitution which has been adopted, and a far more general interest taken in its support. Let us hope and pray for such results.

The division of the attention of the Board of Missions between Domestic and Foreign Missions, demanded the institution of distinct Agencies, and Treasuries, and such Agencies are in operation, and such Treasuries opened in the city of New-York, under auspices the most respectable and advantageous that could be desired. All members of the Church in this Diocese, disposed to contribute to either the Foreign or Domestic Fund, may do so by remitting for the first, their contributions, to H. Cary, Esq. for the other, to James Swords, Esq. New-York. I should do violence to the sense I entertain of my duty, where this subject is concerned, should I withhold, on this occasion, the expression of my anxious desire, that Domestic Missions, or Missions within the limits of the United States, should find, though not an exclusive, a systematic priority in our attention and concern. The considerations which justify me to myself in the expression of such a desire, are such as I need not mention to you. I believe you are generally aware of them, and I am unwilling to seem, with an undue urgency, to enforce their claims on your coincidence. I shall rejoice in whatever any of my brethren may be moved to do, for the great interest of religion and humanity, which consists in Christian Missions.

In connexion with the subject of Missions, it may be proper that I mention the welcome presence among us, at this time, of the General Agent of the Domestic Committee of the Board of Missions of our Church. We hope that his visit will not be to little purpose; although, in the present state of our community, we are forbidden to expect that

any great success can be made to attend the efforts of his pious and amiable zeal.

Other measures of the late General Convention claim specific mention on this occasion. It has been proposed, by a concurrent vote of the two houses composing that body, to alter the Constitution of the Church, by repealing the 6th article. This is with a view to the constitutional enactment of a Canon, making general provision for the subject of that article, which was reported by a Committee appointed in the House of Bishops. It is proper to bring before you the whole report of that Committee, that you may the better be put in possession of the reasons for the proposed alteration. The article proposed to be repealed, is as follows :

"In every State, the mode of trying Clergymen, shall be instituted by the Convention of the Church, therein. At every trial of a Bishop, there shall be one or more of the Episcopal order present, and none but a Bishop shall pronounce sentence of deposition or degradation from the Ministry, on any Clergyman, whether Bishop or Presbyter or Deacon."

The Committee's report is copied for your information from the Journal of the Convention, in the following words :

"The Committee appointed to consider the subject of the Administration of Ecclesiastical Justice, &c., respectfully report as follows, viz.—

"That in their opinion it is highly advisable that the principle of unity which governs the Church in all her important acts of order and of legislation, should be maintained in the administration of her laws and the decisions of her judicial officers. In the present state of this matter the whole is referred, by the Constitution, to the different dioceses; and neither the General Convention nor the House of Bishops can prevent the evils of contradictory practices and conflicting opinions, nor afford any remedy in cases of actual error. The collisions and complaints naturally arising out of such a system, have not hitherto called for much attention, but the rapidity with which, through the Divine favor, the Church increases, and especially the addition of so many new dioceses, lying very remote from the older and established parts of the Church, and having no opportunity of counsel when questions of law and order arise, seem to demand the immediate recommendation of a system, which shall bring this important part of our ecclesiastical polity within the control of the General Convention, and finally settle us in the same unity in this respect, which we already so happily enjoy in every other. To this end the Committee respectfully advise the adoption of the following Canons:

*Canon on the trial of Clergymen.*

Sec. 1. In all cases of presentment contemplated by the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, or by those of the several dioceses, a copy of the charge or charges, and specifications, together with a citation to appear and answer, shall be served up on the party accused, in the manner hereinafter provided, with all convenient speed.

Sec. 2. The regular place of trial, and the office for the records of all ecclesiastical proceedings, shall be the house of the Bishop. But if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee shall appoint the place for these purposes; and the Bishop, by and with the concurrence of his council of advice, may appoint any place within his diocese for the trial, if there be any special reasons moving him thereto.

Sec. 3. All testimony adduced upon the trial shall be in writing, taken, on due notice to the parties, either by a commissary appointed for that purpose by the ecclesiastical authority, or in the manner of commissions or depositions in civil cases. But this provision shall not prevent the appearance of the witnesses, and the hearing of their testimony on the trial, whenever it shall be preferred by either party.

Sec. 4. Advocates or proctors shall be allowed on both sides, at the pleasure of the parties, provided they are clergymen canonically resident in the diocese, or laymen who have been communicants of some parish of the same, at least two years before the trial.

Sec. 5. The Bishop shall preside upon the trial as judge, and not less than three, nor more than six Presbyters, shall be assessors with him, the names of which Presbyters shall be selected by the party accused out of a list of twelve, who shall be unconnected with said party by relationship or marriage, and can declare that they have not expressed an opinion as to his guilt or innocence. But if there be not so many Presbyters in the diocese, then the Standing Committee shall fill up said list with the names of all the Presby-

ters therein; and if the accused shall neglect or refuse to make his selection, the Standing Committee shall select for him. On the verdict of the majority of these assessors, the Bishop may rest his judgment in the case, or may, if he think proper, order a new trial. And the sentence which he pronounces shall be delivered and recorded before the rising of the Court. Provided always, nevertheless, that if the Bishop be related to the accused, or if he be a party concerned, he may, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, request some neighboring Bishop to preside upon the trial. And if the diocese be vacant, the Standing Committee shall request the services of such Bishop as they may find most convenient.

Sec. 6. All citations and notices in any ecclesiastical proceeding, whether to parties or witnesses, may be served either personally, or by leaving a copy thereof at their residences respectively; the time between the day of service and the day of appearance being not less than twenty days, over and above the ordinary time required to travel to the place of appearance. And in case there is reason to believe that a Minister, against whom any ecclesiastical proceeding has been instituted, has departed from the United States, or that the place of his sojourn cannot be conveniently ascertained, then it shall be sufficient to have a copy of the citation published three times in some newspaper printed at the seat of government of the State in which he has last resided; and also three times in some newspaper printed at the seat of government of the State in which he is cited to appear, at least six months before the day of appearance.

"The foregoing Canon is recommended to the several dioceses for their adoption, so far as they may see fit to concur with the same.

#### *Canon on the Presentment of Bishops.*

"Sec. 1. A Bishop may be presented to the House of Bishops, for any alleged misconduct, by the Convention of his Diocese, the vote of two-thirds of each order, lay and clerical, being necessary for the same; and he may also be presented to the House of Bishops by any three of the Episcopal order; in both which cases the vote of the said House shall regulate the time, place, and mode of trial.

Sec. 2. In all cases of presentment, whether of Bishops or other Ministers, where the party accused shall neglect or refuse to appear, sentence of suspension shall be declared for contumacy; which sentence shall continue in force until the party consents to a regular trial.

*Resolved*, the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurring, That it be made known to the several State Conventions of this Church, that it is proposed to consider of and determine on the propriety of repealing the 6th Article of the Constitution of this Church, at the next General Convention."

The following alteration of the Constitution of the Church, is also proposed to be acted upon at the next General Convention :

"*Resolved*, That the following alterations in the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, be, and are hereby proposed, and that they be made known to the several State Conventions.

Article 5th to be altered so as to read as follows:

A Protestant Episcopal Church in any part of the United States, or any Territory thereof, not now represented, may, at any time hereafter, be admitted, on acceding to this Constitution; and a new diocese, to be formed from one or more existing dioceses, may be admitted under the following restrictions.

No new diocese shall be formed or erected within the limits of any other diocese; nor shall any diocese be formed by the junction of two or more dioceses, or parts of dioceses, unless with the consent of the Bishop and Convention of each of the dioceses concerned, as well as of the General Convention.

No such new diocese shall be formed, which shall contain less than 8000 square miles in one body, and thirty presbyters, who have been, for at least one year, canonically resident within the bounds of such new diocese, regularly settled in a parish or congregation, and qualified to vote for a Bishop. Nor shall such new diocese be formed, if thereby any existing diocese shall be so reduced as to contain less than 8000 square miles, or less than thirty presbyters, who have been residing therein, and settled and qualified as above mentioned.

In case one diocese shall be divided into two dioceses, the diocesan of the diocese divided may elect the one to which he will be attached, and shall, thereupon, become the diocesan thereof; and the Assistant Bishop, if there be one, may elect the one to which he will be attached; and, if it be not the one elected by the Bishop, he shall be the diocesan thereof.

Whenever the division of a diocese into two dioceses shall be ratified by the General Convention, each of the two dioceses shall be subject to the constitution and canons of the



diocese so divided, except as local circumstances prevent, until the same may be altered in either diocese by the Convention thereof. And whenever a diocese shall be formed out of two or more existing dioceses, the new diocese shall be subject to the constitution and canons of that one of the said existing dioceses to which the greater number of clergymen shall have belonged, prior to the erection of such new diocese, until the same may be altered by the Convention of the new diocese.

Strike out the word "States" wherever it occurs in the first and second articles, except where it follows the word "United," in the first part of the first article, and insert in lieu of the word "States" the word "Dioceses." Strike out the word "States" whenever it occurs in the second, third and fourth articles, and insert in lieu thereof the word "Diocese."

Strike out the words "or District" in the fourth article.

Strike out the word "State" in the sixth article, and insert the word "Diocese."

Strike out the word "States" in the eighth article, and insert the word "Dioceses;" and in the eighth article, strike out the words "or State" after the words "every Diocese."

Strike out the word "States" in the ninth article, and insert the word "Dioceses." Strike out the word "State" in the ninth article, and insert the word "Diocesan."

In the Book of Common Prayer, also, it is proposed to make the following amendment :

"*Resolved*, That it be made known to the Convention of every diocese, that it is proposed to add to the note on the Table of Moveable Feasts, according to the several days that Easter can possibly fall upon, the words "unless the Table gives some day in the month of March for it—for in that case the day given by the Table is the right day."

These proposed changes must, you are aware, after having been submitted to the several State Conventions, be acted on in the General Convention to be held in 1838.

By request of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, the House of Bishops have expressed their opinion on the following particulars, and recommended a change of practice conformed to it, viz.: that in "repeating the General Confession, in the Morning and Evening Prayer, the people should unite with the Minister in saying it after him, in the same manner as is usually practised in saying the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Confession in the Communion Service :

"That in those parts of the Liturgy, in which the Minister and people unite in saying the whole, as in the Confessions, the Creeds, the Lord's Prayer, the Gloria in excelsis, the Trisagion, and the last Prayer for Ash-Wednesday, the word "Amen" should be printed in Roman letters, and the Minister unite with the people in saying it; and that in all cases where the word "Amen" is the response of the people to what the Minister alone says, it should be printed in *Italics*: and

"That the Collect and Lord's Prayer before the Sermon, be omitted."

The opinion of the Bishops assembled at the General Convention, is thus, in these particulars, expressed, in compliance with the request of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies. It is, therefore, expressed as the sense of both Houses, that the adoption of these alterations is expedient. There has been, you will perceive, no enactment of Canon or Rule on the subject—nor has any alteration of the Book of Common Prayer, in its rubrick, been submitted for consideration, and subsequent determination. The Church, in each Diocese, is at liberty to adopt these alterations or not, and each Clergyman, in his place, may be considered at liberty, perhaps, to adopt and act on them as may seem to him expedient. There is, on the subject of them, no law for any Congregation or Minister—nor could any resolution of this body make that obligatory respecting them, which the General Convention has not made so. The question then only is, what course shall we take. It seemed to me proper, early after the adjournment of the General Convention, to advise,

that we should defer any action in the matter, until we should meet in Convention. There is great deference due from us all, whatever may be our individual impressions at variance with it, to the opinion which our brethren of all orders, assembled at the General Convention, have expressed; and uniformity of practice in the conduct of the public service of our Church, should be the object of our unanimous desire.

Among the resolutions submitted, but not acted on, at the Convention, appears the following:

*“Resolved, That the Committee on Canons, be instructed to inquire, if any provision be requisite in the 35th Canon, in order to secure the early delivery on the part of a Clergyman, removing into another Diocese, of his letter dismissory to the Bishop thereof, and if so, to report a provision as an addition to said Canon, accordingly.”*

The 35th Canon here alluded to, was repealed by the adoption of that which is the 4th of those passed at this Convention; and you will probably regret, that no provision like that suggested, was introduced into it. As the Canons now stand, a Minister may, for any indefinite number of years, be canonically resident in a Diocese, in which he never appears, and in whose affairs or interest he takes no part. He may, as an officiating, though not indeed a settled Minister, derive his support from services rendered in another Diocese. It seems desirable, that some canonical provision should overrule this now existing inconvenience and anomaly. The Rev. Mr. Dickinson, still a Presbyterian of this Diocese, has, for several years, been residing and officiating in Massachusetts.

The condition of our General Seminary is more and more encouraging to its friends, and honorable to the Church. A Professorship of Ecclesiastical History has been generously endowed in it, by Peter G. Stuyvesant, Esq. of New-York—and another has been instituted by the Trustees, although not yet adequately endowed. This last is the Professorship of Ecclesiastical Polity and Pastoral Theology. The Funds of the Seminary, are still annually insufficient, without parochial collections in aid of them, and this measure has been recommended to the attention of the Church in general, by a concurrent vote of the two Houses of the late General Convention. Four of our Candidates for the Ministry are at present in the classes of the Seminary, and it is expected that another will shortly join them. It may be our reasonably allowed anxiety, that the sensibilities of all our brethren of the Northern and Eastern Dioceses, should be concentrated on its fortunes.

Let us rejoice, brethren, in the improved condition and prospects of our Church. Let us be devoutly thankful for the harmony so generally prevailing within its borders. With fervent supplication, let us implore the continuance and increase to it, of grace and comfort from above.

NATHANIEL BOWEN.

On motion, the Convention adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning, at half past 10 o'clock.

*Thursday, February 11, 1836.*

The Convention met according to adjournment. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Wm. T. Potter, and a Sermon delivered by the Rev. David I. Campbell.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read.



The following Lay-Delegates appeared and took their seats, having presented satisfactory testimonials of their appointment: James W. Sommers, St. Paul's, Stono; T. P. Allston, All-Saints', Waccamaw; John Rivers, James Island; Samuel Wragg and G. W. Egleston, St. Paul's, Radcliffeborough; and Joseph Manigault, St. Philip's Parish.

The Bishop communicated to the Convention, a letter from the Vestry and Wardens of Trinity Church, Edgefield; declaring their willingness to conform to the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, and also of the Convention in this Diocese, as they now are, or may hereafter be enacted by authority of the same; and desiring to be received into union with this Convention. This being in conformity with the 11th article, Trinity Church, Edgefield, was received into the Convention; and E. B. Bacon, delegate from this Church, appeared and took his seat.

The following Resolutions were then moved by Judge Colcock:

*Resolved*, That it is proper, and at this period of time (which is deemed propitious) highly expedient, to make an attempt to increase the Bishop's Permanent Fund by private subscription, to be paid in money, or to be provided for by bond, or note bearing interest, and payable in three years, or otherwise, as may best suit the convenience of those who may think proper to unite in this highly important and praiseworthy undertaking.

*Resolved*, That the funds to be raised in conformity with the foregoing Resolution, be *not* used, until the income shall be adequate to the end contemplated.

For information on the subject of these Resolutions, the Treasurer's Report was called for, which was read as follows:

The Board of Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina, submit their report on the "Bishop's Permanent" and "Common Funds."

From the statement of the Permanent Fund for the last year, it will appear, that the credits for dividends received during the year ending on 1st January, 1836, amount to \$328 25—3-4ths of which (or \$246 18) have been transferred to the Common Fund, in pursuance of the resolution of the Convention of the 20th February, 1818. The proportion of income transferred to the Common Fund, a loan to the Common Fund of \$473 07, and the Treasurer's commissions, compose the debtors side of the statement, and make a balance against the Fund of \$16 41.

From the statement of the Common Fund, it will appear that the sum of \$1200 has been paid to St. Michael's Church for the salary of the Assistant Minister, for the year which ended on the 1st March, 1835. The debt to St. Michael's Church has been paid in full, and the sum of \$900 paid to the Bishop of the Diocese, in lieu of the same amount relinquished by him to St. Michael's Church.

The receipts for the Common Fund during the year ending in February, 1835, are the following:

St. John's, Colleton,	-	-	-	-	\$50 00
Church at Claremont,	-	-	-	-	11 50

St. Helena, Beaufort,	-	-	-	-	\$50 00
St. Luke's Parish,	-	-	-	-	30 00
Trinity Church, Society Hill,	-	-	-	-	10 00
Edisto Island,	-	-	-	-	40 00
St. Michael's Church,	-	-	-	-	350 00
St. Paul's, Stono, (2 years)	-	-	-	-	20 00
St. Philip's Church,	-	-	-	-	250 00
St. Helena Church, St. Helena Island,	-	-	-	-	20 00
St. Peter's Church,	-	-	-	-	50 00
St. Bartholomew's Parish,	-	-	-	-	50 00
St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough,	-	-	-	-	116 26

The above sums, together with 3-4ths of the income of the Permanent Fund, transferred as above stated to the credit of this Fund—the balance in the Treasurer's hands on the 1st of February, 1835—and the sums borrowed from the Permanent Fund, and the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina, \$473 07 from the former, and \$534 55 from the latter, make up the sum of \$3536 62: of which sum, after deducting the sum of \$1200 paid to the Assistant Minister of St. Michael's Church, the sum of \$608 83 paid in full of the debt due to St. Michael's Church, the sum of \$900 paid to the Bishop of the Diocese, and the Treasurer's commissions, there remains a balance at the credit of the Fund, of \$151 63.

Signed in behalf of the Board,

N. BOWEN.

*Ex-Officio, President of the Society*

*For the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina.*

Thomas Gadsden moved an addition to the foregoing resolutions :

*Resolved*, That when the aforesaid Fund shall be raised, it shall be paid over to the Bishop's Permanent Fund, and the income of the two Funds be thereafter applied to the support of the Episcopate.

On motion, the subject was referred to a committee of nine, appointed by the Chair: Judge Colcock, James Jervey, Col. Cuthbert, G. W. Egleston, Col. Pinckney, Thomas Gadsden, James Ladson, John De Witt and E. B. Bacon.

The following Preamble and Resolutions were offered by the Rev. C. Hanckel :

Whereas, by resolutions of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, at the last General Convention, the House of Bishops were requested to take measures suitable to maintain uniformity of practice in the use of the Confessions, the Creeds and the Lord's Prayer in the Liturgy of our Church, and to express their opinion on the expediency of using or omitting the Collect and Lord's Prayer before Sermon; and whereas the House of Bishops complied with the request, by expressing their opinion in relation to these matters,

*Resolved*, That for the sake of uniformity, we acquiesce in their recommendations, and will henceforth conform to them.

*Resolved*, That we deem the practice of asking for an expression of the opinion of the House of Bishops, on matters, which (like those in-

cluded in the resolutions referred to) are the legitimate and appropriate subjects of legislation of both Houses, as highly inexpedient, and subversive of that very uniformity which they were designed to promote.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of this Convention be requested to transmit a copy of the above resolutions to the Secretary of the General Convention, with a request that they be laid before that body at their next triennial meeting.

On motion, they were laid on the table till to-morrow.

On motion by the Rev. C. Hanckel, it was Resolved, That a Committee, consisting of the Bishop and five others, be appointed to devise a plan of systematic charity, adapted to the state of the Church in this Diocese, for Missionary and other religious purposes; and when the plan is matured, that they recommend its adoption by the Clergy, in their respective Congregations. Rev. C. Hanckel, Rev. C. E. Gadsden, Rev. W. H. Barnwell, Rev. W. W. Spear, and James Jervey, were appointed to confer with the Bishop.

Rev. Mr. Walker and Dr. Thomas Fuller, asked and obtained leave of absence during the remainder of the Convention.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Phillips, Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to confer with the Bishop, and report at the next Convention, on the expediency of establishing under the conjoined auspices of the Episcopate and this Convention, a School, in which religious instruction, conformable to our standards of faith and worship, shall be incorporated in Classical Literature. Rev. Edward Phillips, Rev. Dr. Adams, and Wm. Mason Smith, were appointed.

The Committee on the General Seminary, presented the following Report and Resolutions:

It is not to be supposed, that the interest of this Diocese, in our "General Theological Seminary," manifested in the beginning, and more or less ever since, has now abated, when the institution has attained its manhood, and the evidences of its usefulness are so many, unequivocal, and near at hand. Where can we find better, learned, more devoted, and more efficient Clergymen, than *they* who have received their education, in whole or in part, at this Seminary? Has it not contributed to raise the tone of Theological learning; and may not the existence and the success of other Theological Seminaries, and of Colleges and Schools, connected with our Church, be traced to the influence, in some degree, of this its earliest educational Institution? Can there be a doubt, that it has had the effect, originally anticipated, of multiplying the number of our Clergy, when we recollect how large a proportion of them have participated in its instruction, afforded gratuitously, and its other advantages, connected with the most moderate expense, and that there are upwards of 90 Candidates for Holy Orders now among its students? Another advantage originally anticipated\* from an institution concentrating the resources of our whole Church, we are happy to be able to state is, in a fair train of successful accomplishment, for the Library has now a permanent fund of \$6000, the

\* See the Journal of the Convention of 1819, and a Pamphlet of 1821, entitled "Reasons in favour of the General Theological Seminary," &c.



interest of which is to be applied to the purchase of books. A donation of \$4000, to be immediately invested in books, has been lately made by the Corporation of Trinity Church, New-York, and it already has on its shelves 4476 volumes, being 838 volumes more than it had when we reported the number in 1834.

Are we rejoicing in the increase of the Missionary spirit in our Church—is not this, in a degree at least, to be attributed to our Seminary—for who have pleaded the cause of Missions more earnestly than its alumni and students; and whence have come the greater number of our well qualified, faithful, and successful Missionaries? Is it not a just cause for gratitude to God, and gladness of heart, that unanimity and harmony of action, in a more than ordinary degree, prevail among us; and has not the education of so many of our Clergy, under the same direction, at the same place, had its effect in making them “speak the same thing,” uniting them in “the same judgment,” and giving them “one heart and one way.” But we must no longer dwell on these most gratifying recollections and results, and the prospects which they authorize.

The meeting of the Board of Trustees near the time of the last General Convention, was signalized by an occurrence as gratifying as it was unexpected. The advantages of having a *permanent* Professor of Ecclesiastical History, who should reside at the Seminary and take a part in its discipline, were obvious, but the means of his maintenance were wanting. This department had been very satisfactorily filled by one of the Parochial Clergy of the city of New-York, but he could not reasonably be expected to continue his gratuitous services. At this period of natural solicitude, the generous offer was announced of Mr. P. G. Stuyvesant, to endow a Professorship with the amount of \$25,000, under the title of the “St. Mark’s Professorship of Ecclesiastical History,” with the reasonable condition, that the nomination, in the first and second instances, should be with the founder and his heirs. In conformity to this condition, the Rev. W. R. Whittingham, who is (it gives us great satisfaction to have to state) an alumnus of the Seminary, has been unanimously elected to this honourable station. The Seminary commands at present (we have no doubt we may truly say) a greater degree of the confidence of the whole Church, than at any former period, although it has never wanted a great degree of that estimation, to which it has been and is so justly entitled. The number of Students (above 90) greater than at any former date, are, it is believed, a large majority of the whole number of the Candidates for the Sacred Office in our Church—four of them are from this Diocese. “The Bishop Dehon Scholarship” has at present a beneficiary at the Seminary. The “Bishop Bowen Scholarship,” and the “Rev. Dr. Gates’ Scholarship,” do not as yet yield an interest adequate to the support of Beneficiaries. All these foundations have slowly increased during the year, (no donation having been made to them, but) simply by the addition of the income, or a part of it, to the principal. All particulars respecting them, may be known by a reference to the books now on the table, of the Treasurer of “the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina,” which Society is the corporate Trustee of these funds.

There has been received for the general fund of the Seminary during the year, only \$1, from "All-Saints, Waccamaw," added to what that Parish had already contributed on "the 25 cents contribution." It is scarcely necessary to state, that the loss of two of our Church edifices by fire, and the distressed state of some of our country Parishes from emigration, are a sufficient explanation of the cause, that the claims of the Seminary on our purses have been unavoidably postponed. In conclusion, we offer for adoption the following Resolutions :

That the "Bishop Bowen Scholarship" is hereby recommended to the patronage of the members of our Church, in order that the amount necessary to render its interest adequate to the support of a Beneficiary, may be obtained as soon as possible.

That it be recommended to have a collection at the door of every Church in this Diocese, during the year, for the purposes of increasing the fund of the "Bishop Bowen Scholarship," and paid to the Treasurer of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina.

On motion, the Report was accepted, and the Resolutions adopted.

After prayer by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned till to-morrow morning, at half past 10 o'clock.

*Friday, February 12, 1836.*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Stephen Elliott, sen. and a Sermon delivered by the Rev. P. J. Shand.

The President having called the House to order, and a quorum being present, the Minutes of the last meeting were read.

The following Parochial Reports, required by the 51st Canon of the General Convention, having been presented to the Bishop, were read by the Secretary :

*St. Michael's Parish, Charleston.*

The Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. Rector.

The Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D. } Assistant Ministers.  
The Rev. William W. Spear, }

Baptisms—White Children, 40 ; Coloured, 9 ; Total 49. Marriages—White, 10 ; Coloured, 5 ; Total 15. Burials—White, 7 ; Coloured, 3 ; Total 10. Communicants—White, 328 ; Coloured, 58 ; Total 386. Non-Communicants—White, 344 ; Coloured, not known ; Total, not less than 400. White Children under 14, 271 ; Coloured, unknown ; Total, not less than 320. Families, White, 240 ; Coloured, not ascertained ; Total, not less than 270. Children catechized more or less on almost all Sundays of the year, but especially in Lent, about 35 White. Confirmed by the Bishop, 22 White, 1 Coloured ; Total 23. Number of Teachers in the Sunday Schools, 18 White, 6 Coloured ; Total 24. Number of Scholars, about 80 White ; between 30 and 40 Coloured ; Total about 115. Public Worship held on all Sundays of the year, all the Fast and Festivals occurring on week days, and Thanksgiving Day in November, and every Wednesday ; also on each Friday in Lent.



REMARKS.—The number of Communicants at this Church, has been reduced by deaths, and the removal of some from the city, an equal number of persons not having been added. Some few families not having been provided with pews or sittings of their own, in this Church, having in the end of the year become occupants or proprietors of pews in the new Church, erected in this part of the city, the number of Communicants and of Families must, probably, by this cause, together with removals from the city, be next year reported as still more reduced. The number of pews in the Church is still considerably less than that of the Families who now compose the Congregation. Some of the Families numbered as under the Pastoral care of the Ministers of this Church, this year, are members also of other Parishes, and have resided only a portion of the year in the city. The Sunday School of the Church has been committed by the Rector, to the special care and supervision of the Minister recently appointed an Assistant, and promises to be more prosperous than it has been. The Sunday School for Coloured people, conducted by some pious and excellent ladies of the Congregation, will be also under the regular inspection of the same Minister. The persons confirmed were kept for some weeks previous to the administration of the rite, under careful and anxious Pastoral instruction. The Sermon and collection for the Bishop's Common Fund, have been had at this Church, as also a Sermon and collection in aid of the Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity. The St. Michael's Missionary Association has increased in numbers and efficacy. Its object, according to the Constitution, was to aid the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of our Church, in providing for Domestic Missions. At the suggestion of the Rector, its Constitution has recently been so modified, as to allow of the appropriation of one-fourth of its annual receipts, to Foreign Missions in general.

*St. Philip's Parish, Charleston.*

The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D. Rector.

The Rev. Daniel Cobia, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms—Adults, 2 Coloured. White Children, 38; Coloured, 28; Total 66. Whole number of Baptisms, 68. Marriages—9 White; 6 Coloured; Total 15. Burials—56 White; 21 Coloured; Total 77. Communicants—348 White; about 175 Coloured; Total 523. Non-Communicants—322 White; Coloured cannot be ascertained. Children under 14, White, 338; Coloured cannot be ascertained. Families, White, 310; Coloured cannot be ascertained. Children catechized on about 32 days; White, about 100; Coloured, about 20; Total 120. Confirmed by the Bishop, White, 21; Coloured, 25; Total 46. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School, 20 White; 8 Coloured; Total 28. Number of Scholars, 140 White; 60 Coloured; Total 200. Public Worship held on 52 Sundays, and on other days, 89; Whole number of times, 197.

REMARKS.—*Religious Education.*—The system, as stated in former reports, has been continued, viz. 1. Public catechising of the children by the Ministers in the Church. 2. Lectures and questions by the Ministers to the Candidates for Confirmation. 3. A Bible Class for females. (One for males has not yet been found practicable.) 4. Sunday Schools

for the children of white persons, and for the coloured, both adults and children, in the instruction of which the Ministers take part, (the whole being under their direction and control.) 5. A Classical and English School for males, held in the Sunday School House, of which the Ministers are visitors, and they give religious instruction therein on every Friday, after the services in the Church, at which the pupils attend. They attend also the public instruction and worship at St. Philip's Church on the festivals and fast days, except on Sundays, when they are with their parents. Two years have elapsed since this School was instituted, (in conformity to the repeated advice, in his annual addresses to the Convention, of the Bishop of the Diocese) and although it has not had as many pupils as might have been reasonably expected, the result of the experiment of blending moral and religious instruction with *that* which is literary, is highly satisfactory. 6. Two Libraries, one for the Sunday School children, and the other for the adult members of the Congregation, to all of whom, without expense, it is accessible. The Commentaries on the Holy Scriptures are placed on a shelf by themselves, for the more especial use of the members of the Bible Class. To this department have been lately added the valuable Commentaries of Patrick, Lowth, Whitby and Arnold. To the "Parish Library" have been added, during the year 1835, 4 volumes and 98 pamphlets; and it now contains 254 volumes, and 110 pamphlets. To the "Sunday School Library" have been added, during the year 1835, 14 volumes, and it now contains 131 volumes. The "Bible Class," which was conducted by the Assistant Minister, has lately, owing to his absence on account of ill health, been suspended.

*Charity.*—The charitable and religious Societies, referred to in the report of last year, are still assisted, and our own Missionary Association sustained by the members of this Congregation. The amount it has given to Missions during the year was \$276 68 $\frac{3}{4}$ .—The amount of the alms received at the holy Communion and distributed among the poor during the year, was \$735 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ , of which sum \$62 25 was given to poor coloured persons, *that amount* having been received from the Communicants of colour. Only one thank-offering after child-birth (agreeably to the good old custom,) we regret to have to state, was received during *this year*.

*Miscellaneous.*—The Holy Communion has been administered on the three great festivals, and eleven other times. Divine service has been held on every Sunday twice, and on all fast and festival days, and on each Friday once, without exception, during the year, also, on the occasions of the two Pinckney Lectures in May and November; on some of the days, since the burning of our Church, in our "Sunday School House," the Methodist Churches and St. Stephen's Chapel (kindly loaned to us), but since May last in our "temporary Church." This building was put up in about six weeks, and the expense of it, about \$1800, defrayed almost entirely by the voluntary contribution of the Members, adult and children, of the congregation. The Corner Stone of St. Philip's Church, which is to be on the site, nearly, of our lost Church, was laid by the Bishop of the Diocese, on the 12th of November, and after suitable religious exercises, the flock were addressed by the Rector, and the citizens in general, by Benjamin Elliott, Esq., a copy of whose Address has been asked for, to be

placed in the Archives of the Church. Generous contributions, chiefly from the members of the congregation, have been paid or pledged, but we regret to have to state that the amount is not sufficient to meet the heavy expense of re-building our Church. There has been, as usual, a sermon and collection in aid of the "Episcopal Office" in this Diocese. Our lost Church contained 162 pews; our Temporary Church has only 138 benches, and this difference (not to advert to death and emigration) will sufficiently explain a small decrease in the number of the congregation, amounting in the aggregate to only five persons—the total reported last year, of white persons, being 1013, and this year 1008.

*St. Stephen's Chapel and the City Mission.*

The Rev. Paul Trapier, Missionary.

Baptisms—Children, 18 white; 3 coloured; Total of Baptisms, 20. Marriages—2 white. Burials—14 white. Communicants—51 white. Non-communicants, 79 white. Children under 14, 88 white. Families, 58 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 5 white. Number of Teachers in the Sunday Schools, 17 white. Number of Scholars, 69 white; 12 coloured; Total of Scholars, 81. Public Worship held on 52 Sundays, and on two other days: Whole number of times, 102

REMARKS.—The friendly aid of the late Assistant being withdrawn, by the expiration of his term of service, in November last, the sole charge of this congregation, and of the Mission to the poor of this City, has been, since then, in the hands of the present Minister. The loss of the Chapel, and of the dwellings of many of the poor, by fire, in June, has been severely felt, in the consequent partial dispersion of the congregation, who, though kindly allowed the use of a convenient place of meeting, have not yet been gathered in their usual numbers, especially in the Sunday School. The coloured persons too, from being without any accommodation in the room now used, have gone to other Churches.—The Sunday School Teachers are met by the Minister, as usual, weekly, for counsel and instruction; and the association for clothing the children has been kept up with much efficiency.—The corner stone of a new place of worship was laid on a suitable site, on St. Stephen's Day, and a promise is held out of its being ready for use in six months from that time. The appeal in behalf of the bereaved congregation having been earnestly urged and readily responded to, a considerable sum was very soon raised for rebuilding the chapel—but this proving far from equal to the expense, the plea must still be presented, and the brethren of our household entreated again to "remember the poor."

*St. John's Parish, Colleton.*

The Rev. J. A. McKenney, Rector.

Baptisms—2 white children; 1 coloured adult. Marriages—1 white couple. Communicants, 30 white. Non-communicants, 69 white. Children under 14, 81 white. Families, 35 white.

REMARKS.—The Rev. J. A. McKenney received an invitation to the Rectorship of this Parish on the 8th of December, 1834, and commenced



his official duties on the 11th of the following month. During that portion of the year in which his services are required, he has officiated in the Parish Church every Sunday when the state of the weather permitted the congregation to assemble, and on *two* other days. The Lord's Supper has been administered *six* times. One white and one coloured person have been added to the Communion. Two families have removed to the "West."

During the Spring, a short service was held on Sunday for the exclusive benefit of the coloured members of the congregation. An increase of the number of attendants, and an apparent anxiety to receive instruction, are the encouraging circumstances which belonged to this department of his labours. Peculiar circumstances render it impracticable to render an *accurate* report of the number of coloured communicants.

The causes which prevent the existence of Sunday School, and similar institutions, in many of our low country parishes, operate in their full force in St. John's, Colleton.

*St. Paul's, Stono, and St. Paul's, Summerville.*

The Rev. Philip Gadsden, Rector.

Baptisms—White children, 3. Burials, white, 1. Communicants, white, 16. Non-communicants, white, 30. Children under 14, white, 30. Families, white, 14. Children Catechised in the Sunday School, in Summerville, 12. No. of Teachers, the Rector. No. of Scholars, 12. Public Worship in St. Paul's, Sundays, 51; other days, 24; whole number of times, 75.

REMARKS.—The above report is made this year in reference to both Churches, the residence of the Rector being, for the most of the year, in Summerville.

In Summerville two services are held on a Sunday, and one on every Wednesday afternoon, through the summer season.

The Rector continues his services for this winter, to the Summerville Church, in connexion with the Church at Stono, alternating between the two Churches, and he is happy to say, that so far, he has met with a small, yet encouraging congregation, at the Village Church.

*St. David's Parish, Cheraw.*

The Rev. Alexander W. Marshall, Rector.

Baptisms—2 white adults; 2 coloured: Total, 4. 2 white children; 13 coloured: Total, 17. Marriages, 4 white. Burials, 2 white; 1 coloured: Total, 3. Communicants, 31 white; 7 coloured: Total, 38. Non-communicants, 25 white; 18 coloured: Total, 43. Children under 14, 51. Families, 20. Children Catechised on 12 days. Number of Teachers in the Sunday Schools, 8. Number of Scholars, 35 white; 25 coloured: Total, 60. Public Worship held on 27 Sundays; and on 2 other days: Total number of times, 56.

REMARKS.—My services, for the past year, have been divided between this congregation and that of Society-Hill, having officiated once every fortnight in each.

As it is deemed highly important that both congregations should have the undivided services of a Minister, arrangements are now mak-

ing, to procure one for the Church at Society-Hill, and we have reason to hope, that a Clergyman will be obtained, to enter upon the charge in a very short time.

I had the satisfaction to hold frequent meetings for the religious instruction of the Blacks, on two plantations of my Parishioners, and we are assured that such exercises have encouraged them to be more faithful in the discharge of their duties. I prayed with them from our Liturgy, and explained such portions of Scripture as were read to them. I do sincerely hope that our people generally, will be able to make such arrangements, as will allow me an opportunity to devote a portion of my labours to the religious instruction of their servants. We cannot be too grateful to the Almighty, for the evidence manifested among our people, in proof of their increased interest for the general welfare of the Church.

*Claremont Parish.*

The Rev. A. L. Converse, Rector.

Marriages—1 white. Burials, 5 white. Communicants, 22 white ; 19 coloured : Total 41. Non-communicants, 32 white. Children under 14, 35 white. Families, 21. Children Catechised eleven days, 15 white. Public Worship in Claremont Church, 43 Sundays ; other days, 3 : Total number of times, 46.

*Trinity Church, Edisto ; and St. Stephen's Chapel, Edingsville.*

The Rev. Charles E. Leverett, Rector.

Baptisms—6 white children ; 1 coloured : Total, 7. Burials, 3 white. Communicants, 38 white ; 8 coloured : Total, 46. Non-communicants, 50 white. Children under 14, 80. Families, 25. Children Catechised, 4 days. Confirmed by the Bishop, 3 white. Number of Teachers in the Sunday Schools, 7. Number of Scholars, 41 white. Public Worship held in Trinity Church, on 21 Sundays, and 5 other days : Total, 26 :—In St. Stephen's, 35 Sundays ; other days, 13 : Total 48. Whole number of times, 74.

REMARKS.—The Report of the Churches named above, varies not, as will be seen by a reference to the tabular statement, materially from the one presented the preceding year.

The Lecture in the Church, Thursday afternoon's, is still held ; and a monthly Missionary Lecture, when collections are taken for the General Missionary Society, was during the last summer, established.

The Sunday School, of which the Minister is acting Superintendent, is in good condition : twenty-two of the children have become subscribers to that excellent little publication, the Children's Magazine. The meetings for improvement in Sacred Music, and the Sunday School Teachers' Meetings have been continued.

It will not be improper to state, that subscriptions for building a new Church on the Island, have been obtained,—the old being in want of repair, and in various ways inconvenient,—and that a building Committee are engaged to carry the same into effect.

As it regards the spiritual prosperity of this portion of the Apostolic Church, the Minister would have wished to report in the most favora-



ble terms; but of the success attending his publication of the "glad tidings of great joy," he is unable to speak with confidence. He still hopes that his determination, through God's grace, to know nothing but Jesus Christ and him crucified, may lead his charge to the knowledge and love of Him, who is altogether lovely; and that his preaching of that Cross, which "to those who believe, is the power of God and the wisdom of God," will, when that which is perfect shall come, and that which is past shall be done away, be proved to have been the savour of life unto life, to those over whom he watches, as one that must give an account.

*Grace Church, Moultrieville.*

The Rev. Francis H. Rutledge, Rector.

Baptisms—2 coloured adults; 1 white child: Total, 3. Burials, 2 Communicants, 20 white; 4 coloured: Total, 24. Non-communicants, 44 white; about 30 coloured: Total, 74. Children under 14, 45 white. Families, 25 white. Children Catechised four Sundays, 6 white. Public Worship held on 24 Sundays: Total number of times, 46.

*Trinity Church, Grahamville.*

The Rev. Thomas John Young, Rector.

Baptisms—9 coloured adults. Children, 8 white; 39 coloured: Total, 47. Whole number, 56. Marriages, 4 white; 2 coloured. Total, 6. Burials, 6 white. Communicants, 40 white; 42 coloured: Total, 82. Non-Communicants, 12 white. Children under 14, 43 white. Families, 21 white. Children Catechised, seven days, 12 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 2 white; 22 coloured: Total, 24. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School, 8 white; 3 coloured: Total, 11. Scholars, 25 white; 50 coloured: Total, 75. Public Worship held on 48 Sundays, and 36 other days: Whole number of times, 136.

REMARKS.—Since the last Report one Communicant has died, and ten have removed from the Parish. Two white and ten coloured persons have been added to the Communion.

The following sums have been contributed for religious and charitable purposes:—Collection on Communion Sundays, \$50. Subscribed for Communion Plate, by the Ladies of the congregation, \$132. For Foreign Missions, \$157 45—of this amount \$100 was contributed by the Ladies' Sewing Society; \$12 by the children of the Sunday School, and the remainder at the monthly Lecture. To aid a Church in this Diocese, \$55. Towards enlarging the "Church of the Holy Trinity" for the accommodation of the coloured congregation, \$450.

The spiritual condition of the coloured congregation is encouraging. The Rector has devoted every Sunday afternoon to their instruction; and he is encouraged to hope that his labour has not been in vain. He has undertaken the charge of five plantations in the neighbourhood, but circumstances have prevented his carrying his plans fully into operation. The number of times he has preached upon plantations during the last year, has been 59. He hopes the present year, to be enabled to visit eight plantations, each once a fortnight.

*Prince William's Parish.*

The Rev. Stephen Elliott, Senr., Rector.

Baptisms—1 white adult ; 6 white children : Total 7. Marriage, 1 white couple. Burial, 1. Communicants, 26 white : 1 coloured : Total 27. Non-communicants, 16 white. Children under 14, 32 white. Families, 21 white. Children Catechised, 2 white. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School, 9 white. Number of Scholars, 32 white. Public Worship held in Sheldon Church, on 9 Sundays ; 1 other day : Total, 10 : In Sheldon Chapel, 22 Sundays ; 17 other days ; Total, 56. Whole number of times, 65.

REMARKS.—The present Minister took charge of the Parish in the latter part of April. He humbly trusts, that by the Divine blessing, the spiritual condition of the Church is improving. Four white communicants have been added. In addition to the services reported, he has attended once a fortnight, on Tuesdays, at a station, six miles above MacPhersonville, our summer residence, and held service. The people are poor, and destitute of the public means of grace. Here, it is likewise intended to establish a school for the religious instruction of the children, for which object their parents manifest earnest desires. By means of visiting in the vicinity, and providing suitable conveyance, the number of Sunday School Scholars has been doubled. Missionary Meetings have been held monthly, at which collections have been made in aid of the operations of the Church.

A part of Sunday was occasionally devoted, during the summer, to the religious instruction of the slaves on a neighbouring plantation. In the winter, the field for labour among them is large and interesting. Considerable anxiety is manifested on the part of the Planters, for their spiritual welfare.

*Parishes of St. Thomas and St. Denis.*

The Rev. Francis H. Rutledge, Rector.

Baptisms—Adults, 9 coloured ; Children, 5 white, 4 coloured : Total, 10. Marriage, 1 white couple. Burial, 1 white. Communicants, 15 white ; 20 coloured : Total 35. Non-communicants, 23 white ; about 40 coloured : Total, 63. Children under 14, 29 white. Families, 20 white. Public Worship held in the Parish Church, on 13 Sundays, and 2 other days ; Total 15 : In Pompion Hill Chapel of Ease, 9 : Whole number of times, 24.

*St. Matthew's Parish.*

The Rev. Richard Johnson, Deacon, Minister.

Baptisms—White children, 3. Burials, white, 3. Communicants, white, 20. Non-communicants, white, 36. Children under 14, white, 43. Families, white, 19. Children Catechised 2 days. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School, white, 5. Number of Scholars, white, 21. Public Worship held at St. Matthew's Church, 14 Sundays ; at Totness Chapel, 20 Sundays, and 12 other days : Whole number of times, 51.

REMARKS.—The Parish may be reported in a flourishing state. A

Sunday School has been organized, and although the children have not been often catechised in public, they are generally well acquainted with the Catechism of the Church, being regularly and faithfully catechised in the Sunday Schools. Two persons have been added to the communion of the Church during the year. One has died, and one has removed from the Parish. The Minister is now labouring (and not without encouragement) to introduce the worship of the Church at the old Parish Chapel, from which it has been withdrawn for a number of years. Two Missionary Societies have been organized, this year, which forwarded immediately after their organization, to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of our Church, the sum of one hundred and sixty dollars. The Church and Chapels of this Parish being too small to accommodate many coloured persons, their opportunities of enjoying the worship of the Church, are very limited. This the Vestry have perceived, and are now taking measures to erect a building for their use. As soon as this building is completed (which will be finished with despatch) it will become the privilege and pleasure of the Minister to appropriate the Sabbath afternoons of the winter and spring months to the instruction of the coloured portion of his hearers. Through the kind attention of the Rev. Mr. Shand of Columbia, and the Rev. Mr. Screven of the Wateree Mission, the congregation have received the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, four times during the summer and fall.

*Grace Church, Camden.*

The Rev. Edward Phillips, Rector.

Baptisms—Children, 8 white. Marriages, 2 white. Burials, 3 white. Communicants, 21 white. Non-communicants, 30 white. Children under 14, 58 white. Families, 20. Children Catechised 6 days, 30 white. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School, 5 white. Number of Scholars, 35 white. Public Worship held on 48 Sundays; other days, 48. Whole number of times, 143.

REMARKS—The congregation of Grace Church has been diminished by emigration. Within the past year two families and several individuals are to be added to the losses, from this source, already experienced. Nothing, however, of the Communicants' zeal, has abated. On the contrary, the Ladies, by their indefatigable enterprize, have procured a very fine-toned Bell for the Church.

Divine service has been regularly held in Grace Church, twice on Sundays, throughout the year; on Tuesday evenings, and on the prominent Festivals and Fasts. During the Rector's temporary absence from Camden, on account of ill health, public worship was conducted by Mr. F. P. Lee, who, by the sanction of the Bishop, officiated as Lay Reader. The Sunday School, under the Rector's supervision, and with the usual system of instruction, continues to be useful. If Camden should attain the Commercial prosperity, which opening prospects seem to indicate, Grace Church, no doubt, will partake of its benefits; and exercise a correspondent influence over the moral interests of the community.



*St. John's and St. Stephen's Parishes.*

The Rev. D. I. Campbell, Minister.

Baptisms—White children, 16. Marriages, 3 white. Burials, 10 white. Communicants, 61 white, 7 coloured : Total, 68. Families, 52 white. Public Worship held on 52 Sundays ; Other days, 3 : Total number of Times, 55.

*Prince George's, Winyaw.*

The Rev. P. Trapier Keith, Rector.

Baptisms—Children, 5 white, 4 coloured : Total, 9. Burials, 6 white, 1 coloured : Total, 7. Communicants, 45 white, 16 coloured : Total, 61. Non-communicants, about 60. Children under 14, about 65 white. Families, 41. Children Catechised 10 days, about 30 white. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School, 5 white. Number of Scholars, 26 white. Public Worship held in the Church in Georgetown, Sundays, about 30 ; other days, about 30 : at North Island, about 20 : Whole number of times, 80.

REMARKS.—The Church has not escaped without deep loss the more than commonly severe visitation of the late sickly season upon this community. Among the victims were two communicants. Such visitations are felt in a more than ordinary degree by those portions of our Sion which, like this, exist amidst a population, at best, but stationary as to numbers and intelligence.

*Trinity Church, Society Hill.*

The Rev. Alexander W. Marshall, Rector.

Baptisms—Children, 2. Marriage, 1. Burial, 1. Communicants, 6. Families, 5. Children under 14, 9. Divine Service performed 24 days ; 48 times.

This congregation has lost two other families by removal, during the last year. This circumstance, however, has not lessened their zeal, but they are still encouraged to hope that the undivided labours of a Clergyman among them, will be attended with much good. The Communion has been regularly administered on the second Sunday of every month. There is a very interesting number of colored people, who attend to receive religious instruction, immediately after service in the evening.

*St. Helena, Beaufort.*

The Rev. Joseph R. Walker, Rector.

Baptisms—White children, 3. Marriages, white, 3. Burials, white, 6. Communicants, 116 white, 30 coloured : Total, 146. Non-communicants, 57 white. Children under 14, 127 white. Families, 50 white. Children catechised regularly by the Sunday School Superintendent : occasionally questioned and addressed by the Rector. Confirmed by the Bishop, 19 white. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School, white, 7 ; coloured, 15 : Total, 22. Number of Scholars, 65 white ;

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150 coloured : Total, 215. Public worship held on 52 Sundays ; other days, 80 : Whole number of times, 184.

REMARKS.—I have nothing of special interest to report. The state of the Church, both temporally and spiritually, continues to be encouraging ; though it has suffered heavy loss, in numbers and influence, by removals from the parish. One communicant has died. Fifteen have removed : of these, one has received Holy Orders, and has become Professor of Sacred Literature in our State College, and another President of this important institution.

A comfortable and well-situated House, has been purchased by the Vestry and Congregation for the use of the Rector.

A collection has been made for the Bishop's Common Fund.

The religious welfare of the Slaves, and the missionary cause generally, continue to receive a cordial support. The Missionary (of the Methodist Church,) employed chiefly by members of my congregation, is still labouring usefully and acceptably among the slaves of this vicinity, to whom his attention is exclusively devoted.

*St. James' Church, James' Island.*

The Rev. Paul Trapier, Rector.

Communicants—White, 8 ; coloured 1 : Total, 9. Non-communicants, 15 white. Children under 14, 11 white. Families, 7 white. Children catechised, ten days, 2. Public worship held at St. James' Church, 10 Sundays : at Johnsonville, 18 Sundays : Whole number of times, 28.

REMARKS.—Communion administered four times.—Service was held at Johnsonville, last summer, regularly, almost every Sunday afternoon, and a Bible class of Females was taught with pleasing promise of good. But the Rector, having since taken charge of the Domestic Mission in Charleston, has been able to officiate only on every third or fourth Sunday ; with the hope, however, of his place soon being happily supplied, on the intermediate days of public worship, by another minister.

A subscription is in progress, for building, during the winter and spring, a small and plain wooden Church, at the place of summer retreat.

*St. James', Santee.*

The Rev. C. C. Pinckney, Junr., Minister.

Baptisms—White children, 4. Communicants, white, 22. Non-communicants, white, 42. Children under 14, white, 46. Families, white, 25. Public Worship, held in Wambaw Church, 5 Sundays ; North Santee, 5 Sundays ; at other places, on other days, 4 : Whole number of times, 14.

REMARKS.—The Report for this Parish embraces but a small portion of the past year. In February I went, under instructions from the Bishop, to officiate for three months in St. James', Santee. Divine Service was held alternately on North and South Santee, from that time until the 1st May, giving one Sunday to each Church. In addition to the stated worshippers, a small congregation was collected, du-

ring the week, in a distant part of the parish, where the Gospel was preached to some who seldom heard its sound.

The instruction of our coloured population in the first principles of religion, was an object which engaged much of my time and attention. A special service was held for them on every Sunday morning, when a large number, varying from one to two hundred, were usually assembled. On these occasions, the Liturgy of the Church (in which they are soon interested) and the Gospel plan of Salvation, were made the basis of the instruction given. On every Sunday evening, and occasionally in the week, service was held on some plantation, where the owner seemed desirous of imparting to those committed to his charge, a knowledge of those universal duties which God requires of man.

*St. Paul's Church, Pendleton.*

The Rev. William T. Potter, Rector.

Baptisms—White adult, 1; White children, 4: Total, 5. Burials, 4 white. Communicants, 33 white; 4 coloured: Total, 42. Non-communicants, 47 white; 24 coloured: Total, 71. Children under 14, white, 10. Families, 23. Children catechised the last Sunday in every month. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School, 16 white; Number of Scholars, 64. Public worship held every Sunday twice, and every Friday morning.

REMARKS.—The condition of this Parish, the Rector would humbly trust, is prosperous. The gentlemen, by subscription, have enlarged their own place of worship. They have also subscribed \$100, towards the Church in Edgfield. The usual attendance upon the services of the sanctuary, has been encouraging. Several have regularly communed at our altar, formerly members of the Presbyterian and Methodist denominations; and two who had never before fulfilled the dying command of their blessed Saviour. Though there is too just cause to deplore the backwardness of the nine, forgetful of the debt of gratitude due to their Divine Redeemer, yet there is every reason to believe that those *who profess to be*, are really the friends of Him whose name they bear. In dependance upon Divine aid, the services and regulations of the Church have been strictly adhered to, as affording the best directory for faithful ministerial effort, and for making mankind “wise unto salvation.”

*Wateree Mission.*

The Rev. Napoleon B. Screven, Missionary.

Baptisms—Adults, 1 white; 15 coloured: Children, 3 white; 18 coloured: Total, 37. Marriages, 3 white; 6 coloured: Total 9. Burials, 1 white; 1 coloured: Total 2. Communicants, 3 white; 15 coloured; 18. Non-communicants, who are not baptised into the Church, that we know of, but who generally attend Divine Service, about 20 whites, 330 coloured: Total, 350. Children under 14, white, 21, coloured 61: Total, 82. Families, 2 white. Children catechised, white, 33; colored, 113: total, 146. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School, 4 white. Number of Scholars. 21 white; 61 coloured:



total, 82. Public worship performed in the Wateree Chapel, 35 Sundays; number of other days, 2; whole number of times, 37: at the Preaching Station, 28 times. Catechised coloured adults, 76 times.

REMARKS.—On the 8th of February last, by invitation of the Messrs. Clarkson, I commenced my labours on this Mission; embracing their Plantations, and a population of from 2 to 300 whites. On a Public road leading through two of the Plantations the Chapel is situated; at which the negroes from these, and the white people from the adjacent neighbourhood, attend. The Sunday services for the negroes, on one of the Plantations, is held at home in a suitable building for that purpose.—Since the 14th of June last, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper has been regularly administered at the Chapel.—The services of the Church have been sometimes well attended by the white people, and in some instances we believe the Word preached has not been in vain; our Liturgy is also well received. Through the influence of the Protestant Episcopal Society for the advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina, we have been furnished with Bibles, Testaments and Prayer Books; and they are distributed as needed; for the latter of which frequent applications have been made.—The Sunday School exclusively for white children, has been thus far prosperous. During the Spring, Summer and Fall seasons, it was well attended; both children and parents evincing much interest in their instruction; but since Winter, owing to the cold and the necessities of the people, who are poor, we notice frequent absences. The formularies of the Church are used.—The weekly instruction of the adult coloured people is catechetical and oral. The considerate ones appear glad of their opportunity for moral and religious advancement; and although our operations have only commenced, we are not without the evidence of fruits. The requirements of the Law, and the principles of the Gospel are familiarly impressed upon them, through the medium of the Catechism. In this department of duty we have not been without interruption. On one of the plantations the instructions have been for some time suspended, owing to causes unconnected with the Missionary; we trust, however, by the blessing of God, they will shortly be removed. On another, they were also suspended for a short time, from causes likewise irrelative to the Mission, but in this instance, they have been long since resumed.

The coloured children are orally instructed in the formularies of the Church, practically illustrated; in which they shew great proficiency, and in some instances beyond our most sanguine expectations.

Our experience, although comparatively limited, is enough to produce in us the conviction that this class of our population *can be rescued from their moral degradation, and their usefulness enhanced*, by the power of Religion. To impress them with proper principles, there is no necessity to put Books into their hands, and certainly none to put *false notions* in their heads. Get the confidence of the Negro; let him see by precept and example that you have his temporal and spiritual interest really at heart, and you are within reach of the object: to obtain which, use prayer, sympathy, patient and systematic perseverance. Thus far, under the blessing of Almighty God, our beginning and continuance has been, although not without difficulties, favorable; and with feelings of gratitude to the Master of the Vine-

yard, we can say, "hitherto hath the Lord helped us," and by his grace we take courage and go on.

*St. Bartholomew's Parish.*

The Rev. Francis P. Delavaux, Rector.

Baptisms—White children, 10. Marriages, 3 white. Burials, 3 white. Communicants, 81 white; 12 coloured: Total, 93. Non-communicants, 15 white. Children under 14, about 68. Families, 45 white. Children catechised once a month during summer. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School, 4 white: number of Scholars, 26 white. Public worship, in Ashepoo, 20 Sunday; other days, 2; Total, 23: in Walterborough, 32 Sundays; other days, 26; Total, 90. Whole number of times, 112.

REMARKS.—We have had an education Society for the three last years, which supported one Student. We have a Parochial Library of about 180 volumes, and a Sunday School Library of about 200 vols.

*Trinity Church, Columbia.*

The Rev. Peter J. Shand, Rector.

Baptisms—White children, 13; coloured, 1: Total, 14. Marriages, 4 white. Burials, 12 white; coloured 1: Total, 13. Communicants, 48 white. Non-communicants, 68 white; coloured, 4: Total, 98. Families, 42 white; 2 coloured: Total, 44. Children catechised 12 Sundays, about 15 white. Number of Scholars in the Sunday School, about 35 white; number of Teachers, 6. Service performed on 48 Sundays and 58 other times: Whole number of times, 106.

REMARKS.—In a spiritual as well as temporal sense, the condition of the Church is not without encouragement. Though in both respects there is still much room for improvement, yet the contrast of its present state, with that in which it was found two years since, affords cause for gratitude to God.

A sermon has been preached, and a collection made in aid of the funds of the Protestant Episcopal Society for the advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina. The sum of \$225 has likewise been contributed by some members of the congregation, towards the erection of a Church in Edgefield Village; and \$1250 towards the rebuilding of St. Philip's Church in Charleston. The Ladies Working Society continue their benevolent and useful operations, and from time to time, as occasion has required, have applied the proceeds of their industry to purposes connected with the Church.

During the year, the Undersigned performed Divine Service, and administered the Holy Communion, on three several Sundays, in the Church at Totness, in St. Matthew's Parish.

*Christ Church Parish.*

The Rev. Andrew Fowler, Minister.

Baptisms—White children, 3. Burials, white, 5. Non-communi-

cants, white, 10. Families, white, 15. White children catechised, 10 days, 25.

REMARKS.—We have, in some measure, repaired the Mother Church, and rendered her appearance agreeable: we have also erected a *Chapel of Ease*, in the village of Mount Pleasant, 50 feet by 30. In the winter, the congregation is small; but in the summer season it is numerous for this part of the country. The Sunday School, to use a modern phrase, is well attended by the gentlemen whom I formerly mentioned. The parents oblige their children to be religiously taught. We are happy to acknowledge our obligation to John W. Mitchell, Esq., for his kind exertions among us, in aiding us in our catechetical instructions. Our Treasurer, as well as sundry other Gentlemen, deserves the thanks of the people here. The Bishop, attended by five Presbyters and one Deacon, consecrated our Chapel, the 29th of September last.

*All Saints Parish, Waccamaw.*

The Rev. Alexander Glennie, Rector.

Baptisms—Adults, coloured, 3; children, white, 7, coloured 17; 24: Total, 27. Marriage, 1 white. Burials, 3 white. Communicants, 23 white; coloured, 13: Total, 36. Non-communicants, 25 white. Children under 14, 55 white. Families, 20 white. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School, 4 white; number of Scholars, 19 white. Public worship performed, in the Upper Church, 20 Sundays; in the Lower Church, 10 Sundays; other days, 2; at the summer retreat, Sunday morning, 15; afternoon, 12: Whole number of times, 59.

REMARKS.—I have been enabled, during the spring and winter months, to officiate once a fortnight, on four plantations, for the benefit of the negroes. From the experience I have had in this interesting and important duty, I am encouraged to persevere.

In the Parish Library, the formation of which was commenced a year ago, there are now 55 volumes.

*St. Helena Island.*

The Rev. David McElheran, Rector.

Baptisms—White children, 3. Marriage, white, 1. Burials, 8 white. Communicants, 28 white; 2 coloured: Total, 30. Non-communicants, 26 white. Children under 14, 22 white. Families, 23 white. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School, 2 white: Number of Scholars, 6 white; 14 coloured: Total, 20. Public worship performed in the Central Church, 50 Sundays; other days, 4: Total, 54: in St. Helenaville Chapel, 25 Sundays; other days, 48: Total, 73: Whole number of times, 127.

REMARKS.—The past year has been fatal to many of the inhabitants of this Island; we have lost by death two communicants and two non-communicants. On the other hand we have had an addition of two families. As to the state of religion here, it affords me much happiness, and is a cause of humble gratitude to God to be able to say that the true and solid principles of vital religion are rapidly extending their benign influence among us, and this is ever accompanied with a



renewed attachment to that Church of which we are members, under whose fostering care has been preserved a doctrine and discipline in accordance with the word of God.

*St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough.*

The Rev. Christian Hanckel, Rector;  
The Rev. William Elliott, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms—Adults, white, 6 ; coloured, 2 : Total, 8. Children, 34 white ; coloured 6 : Total, 40. Total of Baptisms, 48. Marriages, 13 white ; 3 coloured : Total, 16. Burials, 27 white : 1 coloured : 28. Communicants, 290 white ; 48 coloured : Total, 338. Non-communicants, 415 white ; 31 coloured : 446. Children under 14, 385 white ; 63 coloured : Total, 448. Families, 274 white ; 39 coloured : Total, 313. Children catechised 18 days, about 100 white ; about 20 coloured : Total, 120. Confirmed by the Bishop, 47 white ; 9 coloured : Total, 56. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School, 33 white : Number of Scholars, 226 white ; 93 coloured : Total, 319. Public worship performed every Sunday, Wednesday, and on Fasts and Festivals.

REMARKS.—Besides the adults enumerated in the tabular form, the troops at the Citadel worship at St. Paul's.

The number of Books in the Sunday School Library is about 217. No addition has been made to it within the last year. To the Parochial Library some valuable works have been added. It now comprises 261 volumes.

The usual sermons and collections have been had for the Bishop's Common Fund, for the Society for the advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina, and for the Sunday School. A sermon, recommending the Clergy's Society to the patronage of the congregation, was preached on the Sunday preceding its Anniversary. Several new members from this congregation were added to the Society ; a donation of \$5 was made to it by an unknown person, another of \$100 by Andrew Milne, Esq., and another of \$1000 by Francis Withers, Esq., with a proposal, on the part of the latter, to give a like sum annually for five years, provided the members of the society subscribe three thousand dollars annually, for the same number of years. The result of his liberal proposal is not yet known. The Bible Class is now under the instruction of the Assistant Minister, by whose efforts it has been considerably increased. The weekly offerings from the Missionary Association of this Church, have been, for Foreign Missions, \$100 25, for United States' Missions, \$44 32, and for South-Carolina Missions, \$74 75 : Total, \$219 33.

*St. Peter's Church, Charleston.*

The Rev. W. H. Barnwell, Rector.

Baptisms—Children, white, 10 ; coloured, 4 ; Total 14. Marriages, 5 white ; coloured, 1 : Total, 6. Burials, 5 white ; coloured, 1 : Total, 6. Communicants, 43 white ; 11 coloured : Total, 47. Children under 14, 84 white ; 12 coloured : Total, 96. Families, 52 white ; 9 coloured : Total, 61. Children Catechised, five days, 25 white, 20

coloured : Total 45. Confirmed by the Bishop, 4 white. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School, 8 white. Number of Scholars, 30 white ; 4 coloured : Total, 34. Public worship performed on 50 Sundays ; other days, 57 : Whole number of times, 163.

REMARKS.—The annexed table, relates only to the congregation of St. Peter's, as it existed while worshipping in the French Church. Our new building was sufficiently completed, to be consecrated on the 31st of December last ; since which time it has been open for public worship.

The number of Families added to the congregation is about 27. But the number of additional communicants, non-communicants, and children under 14, has not been yet ascertained.—The pews on the lower floor of the Church were set up at auction according to the proposed plan, and the number sold realized upwards of \$21,000, leaving 50 pews, to make up when sold the balance of \$9,000, which makes the sum \$30,000, that was raised by Stock for the erection of the Church.

One of the Galleries has been appropriated to the Servants of the worshippers in the Church ; a particular pew, or part of a pew, being assigned to each family of servants.

We have cause for gratitude that in temporal matters we have been thus far blessed. And it is the hope of the Rector that while some additions have been made to the number of Communicants, those already such have been growing in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*St. John's Parish, Berkeley.*

The Rev. James H. Fowles, late Minister.

Baptisms—Coloured adults, 8 ; white children, 6 ; coloured children, 27 ; Total, 41. Burials, 6 white. Communicants, whole number not ascertained ; received during the year, 9—1 white and 8 coloured. Public worship regularly performed ; except during a short absence of the officiating Minister.

REMARKS.—The Communion was administered *once*. Service, as often as circumstances permitted, was performed for the instruction of the coloured people ; and, it is hoped, to the permanent benefit of a few. Many of the members of the congregation feel deeply interested in promoting the spiritual welfare of the people on their respective plantations ; and means, it is trusted, will soon be devised, whereby this numerous, and hitherto too much neglected class of persons, will enjoy the means of grace.

The Resolutions of Mr. Hanckel, relative to the Liturgical alterations recommended by the House of Bishops, having been laid on the table yesterday, were called up for consideration. On motion they were considered separately, and each was found to be adopted by a majority.

The Committee, to which were referred the Resolutions proposed, relative to the completion of the Bishop's Fund, reported a recommendation of Judge Colcock's resolutions, together with Mr. Thomas Gads-

den's, and proposed the adoption of the following form for a Subscription Paper, to carry the design into effect:

In conformity to the resolutions, we, whose names are hereunto subscribed, do severally, each for himself and his heirs, executors and administrators, promise to pay the sums respectively affixed thereto, either in money or by note, or bond, bearing interest from the date, payable in three years, to be applied to the increase of the Bishop's Permanent Fund, with a view to release the Bishop of the Diocese, as soon as possible, from the discharge of Parochial duty, and thereby enable him to give that general attention to the affairs of the Diocese, so indispensably necessary to its present welfare and future prosperity.

On motion, Resolved, That the same committee do act "in collecting and receiving the subscriptions, agreeably to the foregoing report, and invest the same, as may seem to them most expedient, until the next annual meeting of the Convention."

The President proceeded to appoint Preachers, for the next Convention, on other days than the 1st—the Rev. A. Glennie, the Rev. W. T. Potter, and the Rev. Stephen Elliott, Senr.

On motion, by the Rev. Edward Phillips, Resolved, that a Committee be appointed at the leisure of the Chair, to inquire into the state of property in vacant parishes where there are no Vestries, and to report to the next Convention.

The Report of the former Treasurer of the Convention was called for: in consequence of his absence, on motion, it was Resolved that the present Treasurer finally settle the affairs of the Treasury with him.

On motion, a remuneration was voted to the Sexton, of three dollars a day, for services rendered during the Convention.

On motion of Colonel Cuthbert, it was resolved, that hereafter no leave of absence from this Convention, be indefinitely granted to any member, unless full and sufficient reasons be given by him to the Convention; and that this regulation be inserted among the rules of Order.

The President took occasion to suggest the importance of a full Lay Representation in the Convention—to regret the deficiency which has existed for some years past, and to urge upon the Clergy the use of all proper means to remedy the evil.

On motion, 600 copies of the Journal were ordered to be printed.

On motion, it was Resolved, that in future meetings of this Convention, on each day, after the Minutes are read, the Secretary shall call upon each Delegation, to meet the assessment upon the Parishes, for the expenses of the Convention.

On motion by the Rev. P. J. Shand, it was resolved, that the next meeting of this Convention be held in Trinity Church, Columbia.



On motion, it was resolved, that when this Convention adjourn, it adjourn till the first Wednesday in May, 1837.

After Prayers and the Benediction by the President, the Convention adjourned.

NATHANIEL BOWEN,  
*Ex-officio President of the Convention.*

Attest,  
WILLIAM W. SPEAR,  
*Secretary.*

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### SUMMARY.

BAPTISMS—Adults, White, - - - - -	11
“ “ Coloured, - - - - -	54
“ Infants, White, - - - - -	275
“ “ Coloured, - - - - -	174
CONFIRMED—White, - - - - -	123
“ Coloured, - - - - -	56
COMMUNICANTS—White, - - - - -	1856
“ Coloured, - - - - -	491
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS, - - - - -	218
“ “ SCHOLARS, White, - - - - -	1010
“ “ “ Coloured, - - - - -	509
CANDIDATES FOR ORDERS, - - - - -	6
ORDAINED—Deacons, - - - - -	3
“ Priests, - - - - -	3
CLERGY—Deacons, - - - - -	11
“ Priests, - - - - -	35
CHURCHES ADDED, - - - - -	2
CONGREGATIONS, - - - - -	52

## **RULES OF ORDER,**

*Adopted by the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the  
Diocese of South-Carolina.*

1. The Business of every day shall be introduced with the Morning Service of the Church, and a Sermon ; and close with some appropriate Collects.
2. After the reading of the Minutes, on each day, the Secretary shall call upon each Delegation, to pay the Assessment on their respective Parishes, for the expenses of the Convention.
3. When the President shall take the Chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the Chair.
4. The Delegation of each Church, shall occupy one pew.
5. No member shall absent himself from the Covention, unless he hath leave, or be unable to attend.
6. When any Member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat, and without advancing, shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself to the point in debate.
7. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate.
8. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention, and shall not again be drawn into debate during the same session, unless with the consent of two thirds of the Churches present.
9. While the President is putting any question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the Church.
10. No motion shall be considered as before the Convention, unless it be moved by a Minister or Delegate of one Church, and seconded by a Minister or Delegate of another.
11. When any question is before the Convention, it shall be determined on, before any new subject is introduced, except the question of adjournment.
12. The question on a motion for adjournment, shall be taken before any other, and without debate.
13. No leave of absence shall be indefinitely granted to any Member, unless full and sufficient reasons be given by him to the Convention.
14. The foregoing Rules of Order shall be read at the opening of every Convention, and shall be of force unless repealed by a vote of the Convention.

CONSTITUTION  
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WHEREAS in all Societies professing Christianity, the promotion of religion should primarily engage their sincere attention, as being the sure and only means of rendering them acceptable to Almighty God, and calling down his blessings upon them. And whereas by General Conventions of the Protestant Episcopal Churches in the United States of America, a Constitution and Canons have been formed for the government and discipline of the same:

*Be it therefore Resolved,* That the following Constitution be agreed to, adopted, and observed, by the Protestant Episcopal Churches in this Diocese, for their government.

ARTICLE I.

*Of stated Meetings.*

A stated Convention shall be held annually in Charleston, on the second Wednesday in every February, or at such time, and in such place, as shall have been determined upon by the preceding Convention: but if a sufficient number of Churches do not attend on the same day, the Representatives, whether Clergy or Laity, or any two of them assembled, shall have power to adjourn from day to day, until a quorum is formed: which shall consist of, at least, seven Churches.

ARTICLE II.

*Of Lay-Delegates.*

Delegates shall be elected by the respective Episcopal Churches, throughout the Diocese, from among the members of those Churches respectively, to represent them in the State Convention: the Delegates to be elected in such manner, time and numbers, as each Church shall deem proper; to serve twelve months from the time of election; who shall, before they are permitted to take their seats in Convention, produce written testimonials of their election.



## ARTICLE III.

*Of Ministers.*

The Minister, or Ministers, of every Episcopal Church, shall always be, *ex-officio*, a member, or members, of the Convention, with a right to vote on all matters requiring the suffrages thereof, with the exception of such as involve the temporal concerns of the Churches; but the right to vote on matters involving the temporal concerns of the Churches, shall, nevertheless, appertain to such Clerical member, or members, as may be specially authorized to do so, by his, or their Vestry, or other authority of his, or their Congregation, in the absence of their Lay-Delegate or Lay-Delegates: but no Clerical or Lay-Delegate, shall hereafter represent two distinct Parishes, or shall in any case have more than one vote.

## ARTICLE IV.

*Of Missionaries and Clergymen, engaged in Colleges, &c.*

Every Missionary of the Protestant Episcopal Church, employed in this Diocese with the approbation of the Ecclesiastical authority of the same, and every duly recognized Minister of this Church, engaged in any College, or incorporated Academy in this Diocese, shall be entitled to all the privileges of a member of the Convention, with the exception of the right to vote.

## ARTICLE V.

*Of the President.*

The Bishop of the Diocese shall be, *ex-officio*, President of the Convention: in his absence, a presiding officer shall be elected from among the attending members.

## ARTICLE VI.

*Of the Secretary and Treasurer.*

The Secretary and Treasurer shall be annually chosen, (and continue in office until a successor be appointed) who shall keep a true and correct Journal of the proceedings; and regular accounts of all money transactions, to be annually laid before the Convention. It shall also be his duty to give notice to each Minister and Vestry of the time and place appointed for any stated, or special, meeting of the Convention.

## ARTICLE VII.

*Of the Standing Committee.*

A Standing Committee, consisting of an equal number of Clergymen and Laymen, shall be appointed at every regular meeting of the Convention, for the purposes expressed in the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, and of the Constitution and Canons of the State Convention, who shall continue in office until another Committee be appointed. Vacancies in this Committee, caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be supplied by the suffrages of the remaining members.

## ARTICLE VIII.

*Special Meetings.*

It shall be the duty of the Bishop, or in case of his absence, of the Standing Committee, to call a special meeting of the Convention, whenever he, or they, shall deem it necessary.

## ARTICLE IX.

*Of Voting in Convention.*

In all matters requiring the suffrages of the Convention, with the exception contained in the Third Article of the Constitution, the members shall deliberate and vote as one body, but any two Clergymen, or the Delegation from any two Churches, may call for a separate vote of each Order, when the Clergy shall vote individually, (two or more Clergymen representing the same Church having one vote) and the Lay-Delegates by Churches, (a majority of each Delegation having one vote) and a majority of both Orders shall, in each case, be necessary to a decision.

## ARTICLE X.

*Trial of a Clergyman.*

Wilful error in religion, or deviation from the Rubric of the Church; charges of viciousness of life, and disorderly behaviour, may be exhibited against a Clergyman to the State Convention; and on clear and sufficient proof thereof, by *viva voce* evidence, on oath duly administered in the Convention, or by a commission to take such, duly executed, such Clergyman shall be pronounced guilty, or not guilty, as the Convention shall determine; and the Bishop shall proceed to admonish, censure, suspend, or degrade such Clergyman, as in his judgment, the nature of the case, or the usages, or interest, of the Church may require. And he shall, in the name of the Convention, inform the Vestry, or Congregation of the Church, in which such Minister is officiating at the time, of such censure, suspension, or degradation.

## ARTICLE XI.

*Of the Admission of Churches, or Parishes, into the Convention.*

Whenever a Church or Parish, not now entitled to a representation, shall be desirous of uniting with the Convention of the Church in this Diocese, they shall apply by letter to the Bishop, or when there is no Bishop, to the Standing Committee, stating the due organization of their Church, the election of their Vestrymen and Church Wardens, their means, or prospects, for the support of a Minister, and their willingness to conform to the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, and the Constitution and Canons of the Convention of this Diocese, which are now, or hereafter may be enacted by authority of the same. And at the Convention next succeeding the receipt of such application, the Bishop, or Standing Committee, shall communicate the same to the Convention, for their decision thereon. Should the Convention make a favourable decision, the said Church shall then be con-

sidered in union with the Convention of the Church of this Diocese, and Delegates therefrom may be immediately received.

#### ARTICLE XII.

##### *Chartered Rights of Churches.*<sup>a</sup>

No Article, Canon, Rule, or other Regulation of any General or State Convention, shall be obligatory on any Episcopal Church within this Diocese, where the same shall be found to infringe on any of its chartered rights.

#### ARTICLE XIII.

##### *Of Delegates to the General Convention.*

To the intent that the Church in this Diocese shall not be unrepresented in the General Convention, the Clerical or Lay-Delegate, or Delegates, who may be hereafter nominated thereto, shall, in the absence of one or more of their colleagues, be empowered to nominate and appoint, in the place of such absent Delegate, or Delegates, any citizen or citizens of this State ; *Provided*, that such citizen or citizens is or are, a member or members, of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese : or if it be inconvenient for any Delegate or Delegates to proceed to the place of meeting, the Bishop is authorized to appoint others in their place.

#### ARTICLE XIV.

##### *Of Rites and Ceremonies.*

“ The Book of Common Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments, and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church, according to the use of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America,” shall be used in this Diocese.

#### ARTICLE XV.

##### *How the Constitution shall be altered.*

No one of these articles shall be altered or repealed, nor shall any Article be adopted, unless such alteration, repeal, or new Article, be proposed at one Convention, and concurred in by two-thirds of the Churches present, at a subsequent Convention.



#### CANON I.

##### *On making Collections for the Bishop's Fund.*

Every Minister having a Parochial Charge in this Diocese, or his Assistant, shall, from time to time, at his discretion, preach in every Church under his care, a Sermon on the nature and duties of the Epis-



copal Office : and the Vestry of each Church are requested to make a collection, annually, in aid of the Bishop's Common Fund ; or, in lieu of such collection, the Minister and Vestry of such Church may substitute an annual contribution.—*Passed* 1822. *Amended*, 1826.

## CANON II.

*Providing for an accurate view of the state of the Church.*

Every Minister, having a Parochial Charge in this Diocese, shall, at or before the meeting of every Annual Convention, deliver, or transmit, to the Bishop, or where there is no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, an accurate statement, in writing, of the number of Baptisms, Burials, and Marriages, in his Parish or Church, during the year ending on the 1st of January preceding—specifying the number of places where, and how often in each, Divine Service is held ; the number of Families, Communicants, Adults, and Children under 14 years, attending, or belonging to the same ; the number catechised by him, and on how many Sundays ; whether there be any Sunday School, and if any, the number of Children and Teachers, and the subjects of instruction in the same ; and generally, all such other matters as may tend to throw light on the state of the Church under his care ; which reports shall be laid before the Convention, and entered on the Journals conformably to the 51st General Canon.—*Passed* 1825.

